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PREFACE

This chronology was prepared in response to a need for research data chronicling Sino-Soviet competition in the Pacific region. It covers events reflecting such rivalry for the years 1976 through 1978 in four countries of East Asia: Japan, the Democratic Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

All information in this chronology has been derived from open sources available in the Library of Congress. Entries are arrange chronologically, rather than by country, to trace the sequential development of major occurrences and the interplay of Sino-Soviet rivalry in the region.

GLOSSARY

CCP	- Chinese Communist Party	JCP	- Japanese Communist Party
CMEA	- Council for Mutual Economic Aid (socialist economic group headed by the USSR)	JDA	- Japan Defense Agency
CPSU	- Communist Party of the Soviet Union	JQ	- <u>Japan Quarterly</u> (Tokyo)
CPVN	- Communist Party of Vietnam	JSP	- Japanese Socialist Party
CQ	- <u>The China Quarterly</u> (London)	JT	- <u>Japan Times</u> (Tokyo)
DK	- Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia)	KCA	- <u>Keesing's Contemporary Archives</u> (Edinburgh)
DPRK	- Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)	LDP	- Liberal Democratic Party (Japan)
DRV	- Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam prior to unification on 2 July 1976)	MITI	- Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)
DSP	- Democratic Socialist Party (Japan)	PLA	- People's Liberation Army (of China)
DTA (MNL)	- <u>Data Asia</u> (Manila)	PM	- Prime Minister
EXIM	- Export/Import Bank (of Japan)	PRC	- People's Republic of China
FBIS (AP)	- Foreign Broadcast Information Service, <u>Daily Report</u> , <u>Asia Pacific</u>	PRG	- Provisional Revolutionary Government (of South Vietnam) (South Vietnam from the fall of Saigon until unification with North Vietnam on 2 July 1976)
FBIS (PRC)	- Foreign Broadcast Information Service, <u>Daily Report</u> , <u>People's Republic of China</u>	ROK	- Republic of Korea (South Korea)
FBIS (USSR)	- Foreign Broadcast Information Service, <u>Daily Report</u> , <u>Union of Soviet Socialist Republics</u>	SRV	- Socialist Republic of Vietnam
FEER	- <u>Far Eastern Economic Review</u> (Hong Kong)	USSR	- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
FM	- Foreign Minister	VC	- <u>Vietnam Courier</u> (Hanoi)
GOJ	- Government of Japan	¥	- Japanese yen
GSU	- Government of the Soviet Union		

Date	Event	Category				Source
		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
Jan 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC open "friendship" oil pipeline linking the two countries.	X	X			CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 76
2 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. PM Takeo Miki advises Japan House of Councillors President Kenzo Kono of his wish to conclude a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC in 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jan 76
4 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. Radio Moscow advises that USSR desires positive progress in Japan-Soviet relations irrespective of success or failure in concluding a bilateral peace treaty and denounces Chinese proposal to include antihegemony clause in proposed treaty of peace and friendship between Japan and China.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 6 Jan 76
5 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo press announces visit of USSR FM Andrey Gromyko to Japan for discussions on: (1) possible Japanese-Soviet peace treaty, (2) Japanese-Soviet relations in general, (3) possible visit of Kremlin leaders to Japan, (4) Soviet guarantee of noninterference in Japanese fishing along USSR-Pacific coast, (5) Japanese participation in Siberian economic development, (6) promotion of bilateral cultural interchanges, (7) repatriation of Japanese nationals remaining on Soviet islands in the Far East.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jan 76
7 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese mission, composed of representatives of Mitsubishi and other firms producing nuclear power equipment, begins negotiations in Moscow on business deal involving Japanese export of reactors and related equipment for nuclear power plants to be assembled in the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jan 76
8 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR FM Andrey Gromyko arrives in Tokyo for four day visit and expresses hope that his trip will improve Soviet relations with Japan. It is expected that the issue of four Soviet-held islands north of Hokkaido will emerge in discussions.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jan 76
8 Jan 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK posts and telecommunications delegation under Minister of Communications Kim Hak-sop arrives in Beijing (Peking).	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 76
9 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Deputy PM Li Xianian (Li Hsien-nien) advises GOJ Diet member Chuji Kuno in Beijing that a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship can be concluded as soon as PM Miki "makes up his mind," and adds "conclusion of a treaty will be the best way to establish genuine friendship between Japan and China."	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Jan 76
9 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. A GOJ economic and trade mission visits Beijing to promote technical exchanges between Japan and the PRC in the field of oil development and to propose a 5-year agreement under which Japan would import at least 10 million tons of Chinese crude oil annually.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Jan 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
9 Jan 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DRV party and state leaders send message of condolence to PRC counterparts on receiving news of the death of Zhou En-lai (Chou En-lai), Premier and Vice Chairman of the CCP.					VIET NAM COURIER Feb 76
10 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Kiichi Miyazawa and Soviet counterpart Andrey Gromyko begin talks in Tokyo. Miyazawa insists settlement of northern territorial issue is a prerequisite to conclusion of a peace treaty with Russia and calls for a package return of the four Soviet-held northern islands of Habomai, Shikotan, Kunashiri, and Etorofu. Gromyko declines reply, saying Soviet position is known to Japan and suggests a good neighbor and cooperation treaty between the USSR and Japan as a transition to a full-fledged peace treaty. Two sides reach agreement on release of Japanese fishermen and exchange of information and technicians on the harnessing of nuclear power.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jan 76
12 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. Top Japanese energy industry executives voice opposition to conclusion of long term agreement with PRC to import crude oil from China.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jan 76
12 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. Gromyko warns Miki USSR may have to review its relations with Japan, if GOJ "bends its knee" to China by agreeing to inclusion of an anti-hegemony clause in the projected Japan/PRC treaty of peace and friendship. Miki responds that projected treaty of peace and friendship aims only at laying the ground for improvement of bilateral relations between Japan/PRC without impairing Japan's relations with the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jan 76
12 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. PM Takeo Miki tells FM Gromyko that Japan and the USSR should quickly conclude a peace treaty by settling territorial disputes still pending between the two countries and return to Japanese rule the four islands of Habomai, Shikotan, Kunashiri, and Etorofu as a precondition to conclusion of such a treaty. Gromyko states USSR and Japan are in different positions regarding territorial issue and suggests continued negotiations.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jan 76
13 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. JSP mission arrives in Beijing for visit to the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jan 76
13 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Kiichi Miyakawa reports GOJ/USSR failure to make headway on northern islands issue after final round of negotiations during Gromyko visit to Tokyo.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jan 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
13 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GPSU FM Gromyko states at Tokyo press conference "the Soviet Union has a deep interest in the current movement for the conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty between Japan and China," but observes that PRC leaders are pressing Japan to adopt a hostile policy toward the USSR and concludes that "China is the very country which is seeking hegemony." Gromyko again declines comment on northern islands issue and states GOJ already knows Soviet position on matter.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jan 76
13 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GPSU FM Gromyko departs Tokyo ending 5-day official visit to Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jan 76
13 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. Joint communique at conclusion of Gromyko visit notes GOJ/GSU agreement on: (1) conclusion of a Japan/USSR peace treaty as early as possible, (2) expansion of bilateral trade and economic cooperation, (3) promotion of cultural exchanges.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jan 76
13 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Takeo Miki states at press club luncheon in Tokyo that only after four northern islands off Hokkaido are returned to Japan will GOJ conclude peace treaty with USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jan 76
14 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. Senior LDP Diet member Chuji Kuno, on return from Beijing trip, states at press conference that PRC leaders vehemently censured USSR's "uncompromising stand" on Japan's claim to four northern islands of Hokkaido. He adds PRC officials expressed doubt at sincerity of PM Miki for early conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 76
14 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Miki declares in Tokyo speech that "regardless of the terminology employed, the United States, China, the Soviet Union, and Japan are unanimous in opposing hegemony. It is not contradictory, therefore, for Japan to incorporate that principle in the China-Japan treaty and at the same time pursue furtherance of better relations with the Soviet Union." He adds that the concept of "equidistance" in Japan's policy towards China and the Soviet Union is a myth because it is unrealistic to maintain a perfect balance in changing circumstances.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jan 76
14 Jan 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK President Kim Il-song sends wreath to funeral of PRC Premier Zhou Enlai (Chou En-lai). DPRK officials note "friendship and unity between the two parties of China and Korea will be everlasting."	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jan 76
14 Jan 76	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV Minister of Defense General Vo Nguyen Giap holds talks with USSR Minister of Defense Marshal Andrey A. Grechko during a stopover in the Soviet Union on the way home from an official visit to Cuba.	X				FBIS (AP) 16 Jan 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
15 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. PM Takeo Miki confirms GOJ policy for early conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty with China; expresses determination to visit PRC as soon as possible.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Jan 76
16 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. Yoshihiro Inayama, President, Japanese-China Association on Economy and Trade, and Chairman, Nippon Steel Corp., hints Japan may conclude long-term private agreement with PRC to export rolled steel in exchange for Chinese crude oil.			X			FBIS (AP) 16 Jan 76
17 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GSU agrees to release 32 Japanese fishermen detained for alleged intrusion into Soviet territorial waters.		X				FBIS (AP) 17 Jan 76
17 Jan 76	VIETNAM/PRC. A delegation of the Revolutionary Committee of Guilin (Kweilin) City (PRC) visits Ho Chi Minh City.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Mar 76
17 Jan 76	VIETNAM/USSR. A delegation of the Soviet Ministry for Maritime Communications, led by its Vice Minister, I.S. Alexandrovich, arrives in Hanoi on a visit to Vietnam.			X			VIET NAM COURIER Mar 76
18 Jan 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DRV Minister of Defense General Vo Nguyen Giap arrives in Beijing from Moscow after official trip to Cuba and Algeria and is feted by PRC officials.		X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 76
19 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Kichi Miyazawa advises at press conference in Tokyo that GOJ plans no action at this stage to break deadlock on negotiations for a projected Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.		X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 76
19 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki at VIP luncheon expresses determination to conclude a peace and friendship treaty with the PRC at the earliest possible date; proclaims no "insurmountable obstacle left in the way" of such a treaty.		X				FBIS (AP) 20 Jan 76
19 Jan 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC sign bilateral agreements on postal service/telecommunications and on border river navigation.		X				FBIS (AP) 21 Jan 76
20 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ presents four conditions for the acceptance of a hegemony clause in a treaty with China: (1) anti-hegemony should not be aimed at any third country, such as the Soviet Union; (2) the clause should not oblige Japan or China to take any joint action; (3) the clause should oppose the hegemonic ambition of any nation anywhere in the world, not merely in Asia; (4) the clause should be interpreted as the expression of a universal principle of peace in consonance with the United Nations Charter.		X				CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
20 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese fertilizer firms sign agreement with China National Chemicals Import-Export Corp. to export 160,000 tons of ammonium sulfate and 325,000 tons of urea to the PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Jan 76
21 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice-Premier Gu Mu (Ku Mu) tells visiting Japanese business leaders of the Japan-China Economic and Trade Association that the PRC attaches importance to Japan's long-term plans to import Chinese crude oil and looks forward to Japanese cooperation in the development of Chinese steel and energy industries under the new 5-year plan.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Jan 76
21 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese MITI decides to maintain imports of crude oil from the PRC at the eight million ton mark in 1976.		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Jan 76
21 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Ji Dengkui (Chi Teng-kuei) receives JSP delegation in Beijing; repeats PRC desire for early conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship and hints delay is fault of the GOJ; JSP delegation promises greater JSP effort to speed conclusion of treaty.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Jan 76
21 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Japan Troyanovskiy in talks with JSP Deputy Chairman Eda expresses Russian dissatisfaction with JSP due to JSP/PRC signing of a joint statement condemning hegemony of the USSR and USA, and then invites Eda to visit USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Jan 76
22 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Ji (Chi) at banquet for visiting JSP delegation states PRC support for GOJ demand that northern islands be returned is unchanged.		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Jan 76
23 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki in Diet address states GOJ resolved to deepen mutual understanding with PRC and to strive for completion of a treaty of peace and friendship as early as possible.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Jan 76
23 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Kiichi Miyazawa in foreign policy address to the Diet states all four working arrangements provided for in the Japan-China communique of September 1972 to be in effect with the conclusion of the fisheries agreement of December 1975. He adds that both GOJ and PRC have strong desire to conclude a treaty of peace and friendship as early as possible "in a form fully acceptable to the peoples of both countries."		X			FBIS (AP) 27 Jan 76
23 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. President of the Japan-China Association on Economy and Trade Yoshihiro Inayama states PRC wants more definite commitment regarding amount of crude oil Japan will purchase from China under a proposed long-term import agreement.		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Jan 76

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23 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. Chairman of JSP committee on Japan-China problems announces on return from Beijing that JSP and China-Japan Association have agreed to carry out mutual annual exchanges in the future; reaffirms validity of joint statement signed by JSP and PRC in 1975 calling for opposition to "hegemonism (sic)."	X					FBIS (AP) 23 Jan 76
23 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Miki in Diet address states that GOJ is exerting efforts to promote friendship and cooperative relations with the USSR but that the territorial issue on the northern islands remains unresolved. He admits GOJ observed no change in the Soviet position on this matter during Gromyko visit to Japan, but that GOJ will persevere in efforts to solve the problem. On non-political matters, Miki states Japan's relations with the USSR have made steady progress in fields of economy, culture, and human interchange.	X					FBIS (AP) 26 Jan 76
23 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Kichi Miyazawa in foreign policy address to Diet states that during Gromyko visit GOJ pressed for return of northern islands and conclusion of a peace treaty but Soviet attitude on territorial issue remained "rigid as ever." He, however, affirms GOJ's determination to develop Japan-Soviet relations in trade, economic fields, and cultural exchanges.	X					FBIS (AP) 27 Jan 76
24 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. JSP receives Soviet invitation to attend 25th CPSU Congress in Moscow.	X					FBIS (AP) 28 Jan 76
25 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese wire service reports that informed sources in Moscow indicate USSR is inclined to mend its strained relations with the JCP.	X					FBIS (AP) 29 Jan 76
27 Jan 76	DPRK/USSR. DPRK economic delegation departs Pyongyang for official visit to USSR.						FBIS (AP) 28 Jan 76
27 Jan 76	VIETNAM/USSR. The DRV and the USSR sign agreement on medical cooperation for 1976-1980 in Hanoi.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Mar 76
28 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Science and Technology Agency reports abnormal amount of radioactivity on Hachijo Island, south of Tokyo Bay, in the wake of a PRC nuclear test; GOJ issues note of protest to Beijing urging PRC to stop further nuclear detonations.	X					FBIS (AP) 29 Jan 76
28 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki indicates in response to questions at a Diet session that the proposed treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC might not be concluded as early as expected.	X					FBIS (AP) 29 Jan 76

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29 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. Representatives of fishermen from Chiba Prefecture (Central Honshu) protest trash/waste dumping by Russian ships off Chiba coast at the Soviet Embassy, Tokyo.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Jan 76
29 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. JSP ad hoc committee on Sino-Japanese problems decides to launch nationwide campaign for return to Japan of four Soviet-held northern islands to the east of Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Jan 76
30 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Director of the Consumer Goods Industries Bureau of MITI Ichiro Noguchi reports on returning from Beijing that PRC has agreed to conclude an agreement to limit export of Chinese raw silk and silk fabrics to Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jan 76
30 Jan 76	JAPAN/PRC. JSP agrees to promote early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jan 76
30 Jan 76	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV Vice Premier Le Thanh Nghi receives delegation from USSR Merchant Marine Ministry.		X			FBIS (AP) 3 Feb 76
31 Jan 76	JAPAN/USSR. PM Takeo Miki says GOJ will exert efforts on every occasion to gain package reversion of four Soviet-held northern islands off Hokkaido.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Feb 76
31 Jan 76	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV and USSR sign bilateral agreement on sea transport and goods exchange.		X			FBIS (AP) 3 Feb 76
1 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. JDA Director General Michita Sakata discloses that the USSR maintains military units on three of the four northern islands it holds off Hokkaido.		X			FBIS (AP) 5 Feb 76
3 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. CPSU envoys arrive in Tokyo to discuss JCP participation in forthcoming 25th CPSU Congress and pave the way for reconciliation between the communist parties of Japan and Russia.		X			FBIS (AP) 3 Feb 76
3 Feb 76	DPRK/USSR. Soviet Premier Kosygin receives DPRK economic delegation.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Feb 76
4 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC delegation visits Japan to study Japanese auto parts manufacturing technology and to hold talks with Toyota Motor Co. concerning import of auto parts and auto parts manufacturing plants into China.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Feb 76
4 Feb 76	ROK/USSR. USSR invites ROK ice skaters, at Innsbruck for Winter Olympics, to visit the Soviet Union on a goodwill tour.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Feb 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	Cul	
5 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. JSP Chairman Tomomi Narita criticizes PM Mikl policy of foot-dragging on GOJ/PRC treaty negotiations and states, "To realize an early conclusion of the pending Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship, Japan should take the initiative instead of waiting for China."	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Feb 76
5 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ sources disclose GSU has indicated desire to send Soviet Foreign Trade Minister to Japan to discuss joint development of Siberia including the Soviet-Japan Tyumen oil field project.		X				FBIS (AP) 5 Feb 76
6 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Foreign Ministry refuses to accept GOJ note protesting Chinese nuclear testing.		X				FBIS (AP) 9 Feb 76
6 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. GSU Foreign Trade Deputy Minister and Deputy Governor of Soviet Foreign Trade Bank heads Soviet delegation arriving in Japan to negotiate and sign loan for 460 million dollars with GOJ and EXIM Bank of Japan; loan will be used to finance USSR purchase of 500,000 tons of large-diameter pipes and four ammonium fertilizer plants from Japan.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Feb 76
6 Feb 76	DPRK/PRC. PRC government trade delegation headed by Vice Minister of Foreign Trade Chen Jie (Chen Chieh) arrives in Pyongyang.		X				FBIS (AP) 9 Feb 76
7 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese mission, composed of representatives of Mitsubishi and other firms producing nuclear power equipment, wind up first round of negotiations in Moscow in a bid to sell the USSR four light water reactors.		X				FBIS (AP) 9 Feb 76
7 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. JCP and CPSU talks on achieving reconciliation between the two parties recess in Tokyo, while Soviet delegates report on progress to Kremlin leaders.		X				FBIS (AP) 9 Feb 76
8 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ sources announce Japanese-Soviet fishery talks will begin in Moscow in March with the USSR likely to propose that restrictions be placed on the catch of Alaskan pollack in the waters off Kamchatka Peninsula.		X				FBIS (AP) 11 Feb 76
9 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry requests USSR to take steps to stop pollution by Soviet fishing boats of coastal waters off Chiba Prefecture (Central Honshu).		X				FBIS (AP) 10 Feb 76
9 Feb 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and the PRC sign protocol on commodity exchange for 1976 in Pyongyang.		X				CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
10 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. Team of Chinese undersea oil experts undertakes 3-week research tour of Japan under terms of Japan-China agreement on technological exchanges concerning development of continental shelf oil resources.		X				FBIS (AP) 11 Feb 76
10 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Ministry, for hygienic reasons, turns down request for resumption of beef imports from China by Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade, but expresses readiness to import Chinese grains on a long-term basis.		X				FBIS (AP) 10 Feb 76
12 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Vice Minister of Foreign Trade Vladimir S. Alhinov at Tokyo meeting proposes drastic cut in Japanese bank loans for development of natural gas resources in Yakutia (Siberia) due to smooth progress of unilateral prospecting efforts by USSR.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Feb 76
16 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR advises GOJ Foreign Ministry of the establishment of a permanent Russian supervisory body to check on pollution of Japanese coastal waters by Soviet fishing vessels, in response to complaint by Japan.	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 76
16 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR Embassy in Tokyo informs GOJ that a Soviet delegation will travel to Tokyo for joint meeting of Japan-Soviet fishery committee, to discuss ways to compensate damage to Japanese fishermen by Russian fishing boats operating along the Japanese Pacific coast.		X				FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 76
16 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and two competing, foreign corporations negotiate with the Soviet Union to supply booster station equipment for a 2,000 kilometer natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Moscow.		X				FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 76
16 Feb 76	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and the USSR sign bilateral cultural exchange agreement for 1976-77 in Pyongyang. Exchange provides for cooperation in fields of science, education, culture, art, public health, sports, and journalism.			X			FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 76
16 Feb 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Bangkok Post reports Vietnamese-Laotian communique from Hanoi calling for regional revolution also supports Soviet positions on Angola, Timor, and other parts of the world, and shows clearly the Soviet domination of DRV/Laotian foreign affairs and policy.		X				FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 76
17 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ FM Miyazawa cautions against precipitous conclusions of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship since it is a matter of dispute in China itself, between treaty advocates and those who merely wish to use the issue as a lever against the Soviet Union.		X				CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul		
20 Feb 76	ROK/PRC/USSR. Head of South Korean major opposition New Democratic Party Kim Yong-sam reports meeting with Japanese opposition leaders to solicit their assistance in making contact with the USSR and the PRC to assure the security of the Korean peninsula.		X					FBIS (AP) 20 Feb 76
21 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC informs GOJ of decision to cut supply of crude oil to Japan by half during February because of the need to increase shipments to the DPRK currently experiencing a cold wave.		X					FBIS (AP) 23 Feb 76
21 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC returns to GOJ five shipwrecked Japanese seamen rescued in the South China Sea.		X					FBIS (AP) 23 Feb 76
21 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese fishing industry urges GOJ to ward off tighter regulations on fishing in the northern Pacific during annual talks with USSR opening in Moscow 14 March.		X					FBIS (AP) 23 Feb 76
22 Feb 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Vietnam Workers Party delegation led by Central Committee Secretary Le Duan leaves Hanoi to attend 25th CPSU Congress in Moscow.		X					FBIS (AP) 23 Feb 76
23 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. JCP declines invitation to attend 25th CPSU Congress in Moscow but sends congratulatory message.		X					FBIS (AP) 23 Feb 76
24 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of the China National Metals and Minerals Import-Export Corporation arrives in Tokyo to hold talks with major Japanese steelmakers on purchases of rolled steel during first half of 1976.		X					FBIS (AP) 24 Feb 76
25 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. Nippon Steel Corporation dispatches first 6-member technical team to PRC to help install steel plant at the Wuhan ironworks. The number of Japanese technicians on project is expected to reach 200 by February 1977, when plant starts operation.		X					FBIS (AP) 27 Feb 76
25 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. CPSU Central Committee General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev in a speech before 25th CPSU Congress, states USSR/Japan relations to be generally moving in a positive direction, but that "certain quarters" in Japan are trying to make "groundless and unlawful claims" on the Soviet Union. GOJ Foreign Ministry interprets Brezhnev statement as reference to northern islands territorial dispute and reaffirms GOJ position that return of the islands is a precondition to conclusion of a peace treaty with the Soviet Union.		X					FBIS (AP) 25 Feb 76
25 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet fisheries officials arrive in Tokyo for talks with Japanese counterparts on fishery problems between the two nations.		X					FBIS (AP) 26 Feb 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
27 Feb 76	JAPAN/USSR. Two Tokyo firms sign contract with V/O Machinoimport, the Soviet machinery import corporation, to export four ammonia plants to the USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 27 Feb 76
27 Feb 76	DPRK/USSR. Soviet Union and DPRK sign 1976 trade protocol in Moscow.		X			FBIS (AP) 5 Mar 76
27 Feb 76	VIETNAM/USSR. CPSU Central Committee Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, in a speech before 25th CPSU Congress, calls DRV conquest of South Vietnam "a glorious victory which will go down in the history of the struggle of nations for freedom and socialism." He adds that "Soviet citizens are proud of having made a not insignificant share in assisting Vietnam in her struggle against the imperialist aggressors" and states "the cause of freedom and independence has triumphed (in Vietnam)."	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Feb 76
28 Feb 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry announces it will request the Soviet Union to cancel March launching of meteorological experimental rockets from sites close to commercial flight routes in the northern Pacific.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Mar 76
1 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. Toa Oil Co. Ltd. of Japan announces 50 percent reduction in crude oil to be imported from PRC in 1976 and total suspension of further oil imports from China in 1977. Firm cites as reasons: (1) higher refining costs of Chinese crude oil, (2) technical preference for Mideast oil, and (3) an excessive reserve of Indonesian crude oil.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Mar 76
1 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ expresses dissatisfaction to USSR Embassy in Japan concerning CPSU Central Committee General Secretary Brezhnev's remarks on USSR/Japan relations at 25th CPSU Congress and reaffirms once again the settlement of northern islands territorial dispute to be precondition to concluding a peace treaty with the Soviet Union.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Mar 76
1 Mar 76	VIETNAM/USSR. French periodical reports first delivery of a submarine by the USSR to the DRV and notes Soviet construction of sub pens and facilities in Haiphong and the Baie d'Along, as well as Soviet/Polish training of DRV submarine crews.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Mar 76
2 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC notifies Japanese oil companies that supplies of Chinese crude oil to Japan will be decreased by about 25 percent during March.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Mar 76
3 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Import Council reaches agreement with PRC to import 2.1 million tons of crude oil from China during 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Mar 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
3 Mar 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DRV Vice Premier Tran Huu Duc receives PRC delegation representing the Chinese People's Insurance Co.; group visits business and commercial establishments in Haiphong and tours Ho Chi Minh City and Vung Tau.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Mar 76
4 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Union and Japan open initial conference in Tokyo to settle compensation payments for damage done to Japanese coastal fishing facilities by Russian fishing fleets.		X			FBIS (AP) 5 Mar 76
5 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. Electric Development Co. of Japan announces dispatch of coal survey team to PRC to inspect Chinese coal mines, port and railway facilities and to conduct negotiations on price and quantity of coal the Japanese firm will import from the PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 5 Mar 76
6 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Fishery Ministry officials inspect Japanese coastal sites polluted by dumping of waste materials from Russian fishing fleets.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Mar 76
8 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC opens consulate-general in Osaka.		X			DTA (MNL) 7-13 Mar 76
8 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. Sasebo Heavy Industries Co. of Japan discloses receipt of export order to the USSR, of two large hydraulic presses at a cost of \$8 billion.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Mar 76
9 Mar 76	DPRK/USSR. Delegation of Soviet moviemakers arrives in Pyongyang for visit at DPRK invitation.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Mar 76
12 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Air Self Defense Force scrambles eight jet fighters to intercept two Soviet Bear TU-95 reconnaissance bombers in flight over Tsushima Straits.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Mar 76
13 Mar 76	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and the USSR sign bilateral working plan for cooperation in cinematography in Pyongyang.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Mar 76
14 Mar 76	DPRK/PRC. PRC Standing Committee of the National People's Congress responds to letter from DPRK institutional counterpart denouncing US military presence in ROK; expresses solidarity with DPRK position and states division of Korea "is entirely result of US aggression and interference"; refers to PRC/DPRK as "neighbors closely related like lips and teeth" and its two peoples as "comrades-in-arms and brothers fighting shoulder-to-shoulder in the common struggle"; affirms PRC and its people will "resolutely oppose US aggression and interference in Korea and firmly support the Korean people in their just struggle for independence and peaceful reunification of their fatherland."		X			FBIS (AP) 15 Mar 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
16 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. Japanese steel mills report contracts for export of 500,000 tons of rolled steel to USSR and 870,000 tons to PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Mar 76
16 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese-Soviet North Pacific Fisheries Committee opens annual meeting in Moscow to decide salmon catch quotas in the northern Pacific.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 Mar 76
17 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ decides to press for resumption of talks with PRC on a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship after GOJ Beijing Embassy appraisal concludes that PRC will launch no further initiatives on the subject.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 Mar 76
17 Mar 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DRV awards medals to 76 PRC technical experts for assistance in building Ninh Binh thermopowerplant, 100 kilometers south of Hanoi.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Mar 76
18 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Kiichi Miyazawa expresses GOJ desire for resumption of negotiations "as early as possible" with PRC for conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Mar 76
19 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC cultural delegation arrives in Tokyo for goodwill visit at invitation of Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association.				X	FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 76
19 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Ambassador to Tokyo Zhen Zhu's (Chen Chu) repeated refusals to comment on stalled Sino-Japanese treaty negotiations leads GOJ Foreign Ministry to conclude PRC will make no move to reopen negotiations unless GOJ complies with PRC insistence on inclusion of "anti-hegemony" clause in treaty.		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Mar 76
19 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR seizes two small Japanese fishing boats off Kunashiri Island, one of four northern islands held by the Soviet Union since the end of World War II.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Mar 76
19 Mar 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Kiichi Miyazawa protests Soviet party chief Brezhnev's remarks that some quarters in Japan are making groundless and unlawful claims on the Soviet Union. He reaffirms GOJ position that four Soviet-held northern islands off Hokkaido are integral part of Japanese territory and that return of these islands to Japan is precondition to the conclusion of a peace treaty between the two countries.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
20 Mar 76	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV First Secretary of Vietnam Workers Party Le Duan reports to party conference in Hanoi on his attendance at 25th CPSU Congress in Moscow. He urges Vietnamese emulation of Soviet economic management policies and expresses gratitude of Vietnamese people for "tremendous, valuable and effective assistance" given by the USSR during Vietnamese resistance to US aggression.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 76
20 Mar 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of Soviet geologists arrives in Hanoi for visit at invitation of Vietnamese General Geology Department.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 76
23 Mar 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet paper <u>Izvestiya</u> praises forthcoming election and reunification of Vietnam, calling events "a glorious new chapter in the history of the Vietnamese people."		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Mar 76
24 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. International Oil Trading Co. of Japan signs contract with PRC for import of 4 million tons of Chinese crude oil in 1976, at a price of \$12.30 per barrel for shipments during the first half of the year, with option to purchase additional 2 million tons if needed.			X		FBIS (AP) 24 Mar 76
25 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. Economic mission of Japanese business leaders arrives in Beijing to discuss ways to expand Sino-Japanese trade.			X		FBIS (AP) 25 Mar 76
26 Mar 76	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC hospital delegation from southern China visits Hanoi.					FBIS (AP) 29 Mar 76
27 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Gu Mu (Ku Mu) advises visiting Japanese business leaders PRC may not be able to increase crude oil exports to Japan as much as Japanese industries may desire.					FBIS (AP) 29 Mar 76
27 Mar 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of Soviet women arrives in Hanoi for visit at invitation of Vietnam Women's Union.					FBIS (AP) 29 Mar 76
29 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. Electric Resources Development Co. of Japan concludes contract with PRC for import of 100,000 tons of Chinese coal in 1976.			X		FBIS (AP) 30 Mar 76
30 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki expresses view to Japanese Foreign Ministry officials that resumption of talks with PRC for conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty is impossible for the time being because of internal turbulence in China, and because of the domestic political situation in Japan due to the Lockheed scandal.				X	FBIS (AP) 1 Apr 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
31 Mar 76	JAPAN/PRC. Tokyo metropolitan government decides to extend technical cooperation for construction of subways in China by accepting PRC plan to invite visits by Japanese subway engineers.			X			FBIS (AP) 1 Apr 76
1 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japan, at annual bilateral fishery talks in Moscow, rejects Soviet call for total ban on blue king crab fishing east of Sakhalin.			X			FBIS (AP) 2 Apr 76
1 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ expresses support in Geneva for US/Soviet joint draft treaty banning weather and environmental warfare.			X			FBIS (AP) 2 Apr 76
2 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japan, Soviet Union, and US sign accord on joint development of natural gas deposits in Yakutia, eastern Siberia. Agreement calls for USSR to supply 10 billion cubic meters of natural gas per year each to Japan and USA, over period of 25 years, in exchange for loans and technical assistance. The Japanese loan amounting to \$25 million is to be provided by EXIM Bank of Japan and various commercial banks.			X			FBIS (AP) 6 Apr 76
4 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan Synthetic Rubber Co. Ltd. and three other firms receive PRC order for purchase of a synthetic rubber manufacturing plant at cost of \$8 billion.			X			FBIS (AP) 9 Apr 76
4 Apr 76	VIETNAM/USSR. CPSU Central Committee delegation arrives in Hanoi for visit at invitation of Vietnam Workers Party Central Committee.			X			FBIS (AP) 5 Apr 76
4 Apr 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of Soviet Peace Committee members arrives in Hanoi for visit at invitation of Vietnam Peace Committee.			X			FBIS (AP) 6 Apr 76
5 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Bilateral negotiations on export of silk yarn and fabric from China to Japan encounter snag over devising formula to determine PRC share of Japanese silk imports; PRC demands same quota as 1975; Japan presses for substantial cut.			X			FBIS (AP) 5 Apr 76
5 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC suspends talks with GOJ on emergency import of 1.5 million tons of Japanese steel; steel executives suspect suspension may be related to curtailment of Japanese imports of Chinese crude oil.			X			FBIS (AP) 6 Apr 76
5 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC cultural mission tours Japan at invitation of Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association.			X			FBIS (AP) 6 Apr 76
5 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japan reaches agreement with USSR to import 3.3 million tons of Soviet coking coal at \$52.50 per ton, the same price as in 1975.			X			FBIS (AP) 6 Apr 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
6 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ and PRC suspend negotiations after failing to reach agreement on silk trade between the two countries.		X			FBIS (AP) 6 Apr 76
6 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Kiichi Miyazawa predicts unrest in Beijing will adversely affect Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty negotiations; GOJ Foreign Ministry reaffirms Japan will not take initiative to resume negotiations for time being and will continue wait-and-see attitude until internal turbulence subsides in PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 6 Apr 76
7 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Toyota Trading Co. Ltd. of Japan announces annual purchase of 200,000 tons of oil coke from PRC beginning in fiscal year 1976.		X			FBIS (AP) 9 Apr 76
7 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Miki expresses hope to departing Soviet ambassador that CPSU party chief Leonid Brezhnev will visit Japan, because a GOJ-USSR summit meeting is needed to resolve problems between the two nations; states desire of Japanese people that four northern islands held by the Soviet Union be returned to Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Apr 76
8 Apr 76	VIETNAM/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry spokesman states no drastic changes are expected in Sino-Japanese relations following cluster of PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping).		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Apr 76
9 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki sends congratulatory message to newly appointed PRC Premier Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-feng).		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 76
9 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan Association for the Promotion of International Trade announces 372 Japanese firms will participate in Guangzhou (Canton) Trade Fair opening 15 April.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 76
9 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. JDA expresses concern over recent increase in Soviet air and naval activity near Japanese home islands; reports Air Self Defense Force fighters scrambled 72 times between January and March 1976 because of Soviet reconnaissance flights near Japan and notes Soviet reconnaissance aircraft used chaff to blind Japanese radars on two occasions.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 76
9 Apr 76	DPRK/PRC. PRC civil aviation delegation arrives in Pyongyang.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Apr 76
9 Apr 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DRV Premier Pham Van Dong and PRG President Huynh Tan Phat send warm congratulatory message to newly appointed PRC Premier Hua Guofeng.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
10 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) reports no reversal in Sino-Japanese trade slowdown that began in late 1975 after period of phenomenal growth initiated in September 1972.		X			FBIS (AP) 11 May 76
10 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry expects Soviet adoption of tougher policy on Japan as new Russian ambassador is appointed to Tokyo.					FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 76
10 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ fishery officials at talks in Moscow reject Soviet proposals to expand no salmon fishing zone in northeastern Pacific and to totally ban herring fishing in Sea of Okhotsk.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 76
11 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese and Soviet scholars under sponsorship of Tokyo-based Council on National Security Problems open 4-day symposium in Kyoto to discuss problems of peace and security in Asia.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Apr 76
14 Apr 76	VIETNAM/PRC. Saigon Radio reports PRC to furnish equipment for construction of cement plant in Nam Ninh Province.		X			FBIS (AP) 20 Apr 76
15 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers express dismay at small amount of Japanese steel purchased by PRC in first half of 1976.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Apr 76
15 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese steelmakers sign contract for sale of additional 200,000 tons of large steel pipe to USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Apr 76
17 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Conference of Japanese and Soviet scholars in Kyoto adjourns. Joint communique on conclusion states "situation in Asia is more complicated and more fluid than that in Europe" and calls for "long-range international efforts to ease tension in the region."		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Apr 76
17 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Nippon Steel Corp. and other Japanese steelmakers conclude contracts with USSR for import of 1 million tons of Soviet iron ore during fiscal year 1976.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 May 76
17 Apr 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet economic delegation arrives in Hanoi for third meeting of the Vietnam-Soviet Commission for Economic, Scientific, and Technical Cooperation.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Apr 76
18 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo commentator, quoting Russian journalists, reports USSR hopes appointment of new Soviet ambassador to Tokyo will improve relations with Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 20 Apr 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
19 Apr 76	DPRK/USSR. USSR Supreme Soviet responds to letter from DPRK institutional counterpart denouncing US military presence in ROK; reply expresses Soviet understanding and support for DPRK position and its efforts "to remove the tension and normalize the situation on the Korean Peninsula and create favorable conditions for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country"; reply further states USSR favors implantation of UN resolution calling for withdrawal of foreign troops from ROK.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Apr 76
20 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. LDP Diet members from Hokkaido protest Soviet call for drastic cuts in salmon fishing in northeastern Pacific during Japan/USSR bilateral fishery talks in Moscow. Hokkaido fishermen hold rally and present petition to prefectoral authorities and Soviet Consulate in Sapporo to ask for retraction of USSR-proposed restrictions on Japanese fishing operation in the northern Pacific. The fishery talks are reported to be deadlocked in Moscow with stalemate in all categories including salmon, crab, and herring fishing; Japanese negotiators seek direct talks with Soviet Fisheries Minister to break impasse.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Apr 76
20 Apr 76	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV signs agreement on economic, scientific, and technical cooperation with USSR at ceremony in Hanoi; DRV Premier Pham Van Dong later receives Soviet economic delegation.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Apr 76
23 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC participates for the first time in the Osaka International Trade Fair.	X				DTA (MNL) 7-13 Aug 78
23 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers report contracts with PRC for export of about 540,000 tons of rolled steel during first half of 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Apr 76
24 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese sources report scant progress on negotiations with PRC concerning export of synthetic textiles from Japan to China; deadlock is reportedly attributed to PRC dissatisfaction with GOJ policy of restricting Chinese silk yarn and fabric imports.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Apr 76
24 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet officials soften demand for total ban on herring fishing in course of bilateral fishery talks with Japan and propose instead reduction of annual herring catch by 75 percent.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Apr 76
26 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC cuts soybean exports to Japan by 85 percent during peak season and advises Japanese importers that no shipments will be made after June 1976 until further notice; Japanese sources attribute decline in PRC soybean production to internal turbulence.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Apr 76

Date	Event	Category					Source
		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	Cul.	
26 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Ambassador to USSR meets with Soviet Fisheries Minister to resolve stalemate on restriction of herring catch and reaches agreement that will allow for herring issue to be treated separately from other fishery matters.		X				FBIS (AP) 27 Apr 76
27 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Fukuoka Prefectural Government announces that a 421-member friendship delegation, chosen from all prefectures of Kyushu, will visit PRC in August 1976.	X					FBIS (AP) 27 Apr 76
27 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ sources announce Japan/PRC will resume air negotiations to increase number of flights between Tokyo and Beijing.	X					FBIS (AP) 28 Apr 76
27 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Newly appointed Soviet ambassador to Tokyo pays inaugural call on GOJ FM Kichi Miyazawa; FM states Japan and USSR have made progress on economic relations but difficult political problems remain unsolved. He emphasizes importance of early settlement of northern islands territorial issue for GOJ-USSR relations.	X					FBIS (AP) 27 Apr 76
28 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. FM Kichi Miyazawa states GOJ has no intention to dispatch envoys to Beijing to resume negotiations with PRC on conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty. He adds that GOJ will wait until turbulence subsides from the current political shakeup in China.	X					FBIS (AP) 29 Apr 76
29 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association goodwill mission departs for Beijing at invitation of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.	X					FBIS (AP) 29 Apr 76
29 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese and Soviet negotiators reach agreement, after major Japanese concessions, on hauls of salmon, herring, crab, and other marine life at final session of bilateral fishery talks. Japanese quota for salmon and ocean trout is cut from 80,000 to 77,000 tons, while Russian quota is raised from 3,000 to 5,000 tons. Japanese quota for red salmon from waters north of 45° is cut from 5 to 3 million. Quotas for herring from Okhotsk Sea are cut by 50 percent for both sides with Japanese catch to be reduced from 44,000 to 22,000 tons and herring vessels to be decreased from 12 to 6. Japanese crab allocation is cut from 10.3 million to 8.1 million and crab vessels are reduced from 35 to 30.	X					FBIS (AP) 30 Apr 76
30 Apr 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC FM Jiao Guan-hua (Chiao Kuan-hua) advises GOJ Ambassador to Beijing that PRC policy toward Japan remains unchanged with ouster of PRC Vice Premier, Deng Xiaoping.	X					FBIS (AP) 30 Apr 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
30 Apr 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Shintaro Abe states outcome of newly concluded Japanese-Soviet bilateral fishery talks is a reflection of the severe international environment surrounding fishing operations and notes "extremely severe posture" of USSR during negotiations.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Apr 76
30 Apr 76	DPRK/PRC. PRC People's Liberation Army song and dance ensemble arrives in Pyongyang to begin DPRK visit at invitation of North Korean Ministry of the People's Armed Forces; troupe is later feted at banquet and received by Chief of General Staff of Korean People's Army.			X		FBIS (AP) 5 May 76
30 Apr 76	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR sends congratulatory messages to DRV and PRG on first anniversary of fall of Saigon; notes "Vietnamese people recorded a historic victory, preserving forever their country from foreign invaders and their lackeys, making an important contribution to the common struggle against imperialism and for national liberation."	X				FBIS (AP) 3 May 76
2 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC requests GOJ to authorize increase in Chinese civil flights to Japan from two to three a week.		X			FBIS (AP) 6 May 76
2 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Bank of Japan president and officials depart for visit to PRC at invitation of president of People's Bank of China.		X			FBIS (AP) 3 May 76
5 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. People's Bank of China President Zhen Ziyou (Chen Hsi-yu) advises visiting Bank of Japan President Teiichiro Morinaga, that decline in Chinese imports of steel from Japan and slow progress on negotiations for Japan to purchase Chinese crude oil are temporary phenomena and that PRC trade and economic policy toward Japan remains unchanged.		X			FBIS (AP) 5 May 76
7 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Gu Mu (Ku Mu) meets with visiting Bank of Japan President, Teiichiro Morinaga; remarks to him that Sino-Japanese relations have progressed smoothly ever since two nations normalized relations; expresses satisfaction over bilateral trade relations and hopes for their future expansion; declares PRC domestic and foreign policy to be unchanged following ouster of Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping and states that although peace and friendship treaty with Japan has not yet been achieved, its accomplishment is a certainty.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 May 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
7 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Kiichi Miyazawa welcomes statement by PRC Vice Premier Gu Mu (Ku Mu) expressing confidence in conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty and reaffirms GOJ determination to work actively to bring negotiations to a successful end.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 May 76
7 May 76	ROK/PRC. ROK daily <u>Seoul Sinmun</u> reports PRC turned cold shoulder to ROK proposal, conveyed to Beijing by New Zealand PM Robert Muldoon, that China help in bringing about a resumption of political dialogue between North and South Korea. At a subsequent press conference, Mr. Muldoon disclosed PRC leaders refused to play any role in promoting a dialogue between DPRK and ROK but affirmed that the DPRK was not likely to touch off a new war on the Korean Peninsula.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 May 76
8 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Foreign Ministry announces it will permit GOJ-sponsored groups to visit graves of Japanese war dead at 12 locations in the USSR during 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 May 76
11 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Komatsu Ltd., Japan's largest construction machinery manufacturer, announces contract with All-Soviet Automobile Export-Import Corporation for sale to USSR of 1,400 timber-carrying trailer trucks to be used in Japanese-Soviet joint venture to develop timber resources in Siberia.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 May 76
12 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC and Japan announce plans to begin laying 850-kilometer-long submarine cable to link Shanghai with Amakusa on western coast of Kyushu.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 May 76
12 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Miyazawa tells Diet time has come for Japan to solicit PRC views on GOJ stand concerning hegemony issue which forced suspension of negotiations for a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty in New York in fall of 1975. He reiterates four-point GOJ position on that issue: (1) opposition to hegemony should not be intended against any specific third country, (2) PRC and GOJ will not take joint action in regard to hegemony by third countries, (3) proposed anti-hegemony clause should not be applied only to Asia but to other parts of the world, (4) clause must be consistent with the spirit of the UN Charter.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 May 76
12 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force cancels training exercise after participating vessels are shadowed for 7 hours by Soviet intelligence-gathering ship.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 May 76
13 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Toshiba Machine Co. Ltd. of Japan discloses sale of machine tools at cost of ¥2 billion to USSR; tools sold are to be used for manufacture of agricultural and construction equipment, bearings, and rolled steel.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 May 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
14 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo Metropolitan Police arrest Soviet press agency member on charges of espionage for attempting to secure information on radars, aircraft electronic apparatus, and military codes from a crewman of US aircraft carrier Midway.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 May 76
14 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. New Soviet Ambassador D. Polyanskiy presents credentials to emperor.					FBIS (AP) 14 May 76
14 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japan Wool Spinning Association announces export of 1,000 tons of dyed woolen thread at price of \$8.70 (f.o.b.) per ton to USSR Export-Import Fiber and Textile Corp.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 21 May 76
15 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Import from PRC of 20,000 kiloliters of fuel oil by C. Itoh Co. of Japan draws fire from GOJ MITI as a violation of national policy, which allows imports to Japan of crude oil only, and as a possible source of irritation to Indonesia which exports fuel oil to Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 May 76
15 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Embassy officials in Tokyo characterize arrest of Soviet press agency staffer by Tokyo Metropolitan Police as groundless and demand his immediate release.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 May 76
15 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet patrol vessels capture and detain two Japanese fishing boats near Soviet-held Kunashiri Island off northeast Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 May 76
16 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Export/import contracts between Japan and PRC at Guangzhou Trade Fair fall short of \$300 million goal by about 10-20 percent. Drop in trading volume is attributed to slowdown in Japanese exports of machinery and manmade fibers, decline in PRC sales of agricultural products, and expanded exports to Western countries.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 May 76
16 May 76	DPRK/USSR. Delegation of DPRK Telecommunications and Electronics Society departs Pyongyang to attend scientific seminar of A.S. Popov Scientific and Technological Society of Radionics and Communications in the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 May 76
16 May 76	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and USSR sign cultural cooperation plan in Pyongyang establishing exchanges between Korean-Soviet Friendship Society, the Union of Soviet Societies for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, and the Soviet-Korean Friendship Society.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 May 76
17 May 76	ROK/PRC. Visiting UK diplomatic officials brief ROK FM on the outcome of Anglo-Chinese talks on the Korean question.					FBIS (AP) 17 May 76

Date	Event	Category				Source
		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
18 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ sources announce that Japan and China are to hold a third round of talks, as requested by GOJ, to determine volume of raw silk, silk yarns, and silk goods to be imported by Japan in 1976. Quick agreement is seen by sources, with Japan hoping to restrict silk imports to protect its own domestic industry.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 May 76
18 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry announces USSR-GOJ exchange of letters calling for government level cooperation for the promotion of contracts regarding the joint Sakhalin continental shelf oil and gas exploration project.	X				FBIS (AP) 18 May 76
18 May 76	DPRK/USSR. Delegation of the Soviet All-Union Voluntary Society for Assisting the Army, Aviation and Fleets arrives in Pyongyang at the invitation of the Korean Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee.			X		FBIS (AP) 19 May 76
19 May 76	DPRK scientific and technological delegation leaves Pyongyang to attend tenth meeting of the intergovernmental Permanent Subcommittee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between North Korea and USSR in Moscow.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 May 76
20 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Six Japanese manufacturers of nuclear power plant equipment submit cost estimates to USSR for sale of reactor vessels and other equipment for six 1-million kilowatt atomic power generating units to be assembled in the Soviet Union.		X			FBIS (AP) 20 May 76
21 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China successfully conclude silk trade talks in Beijing with GOJ agreeing to slightly increase its quota of silk imports from PRC during 1976; quantities of silk goods to be exported to Japan are set at 54,000 bales and 19 million square meters of fabric.		X			FBIS (AP) 24 May 76
21 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Japanese petrochemical engineers departs Tokyo for Beijing to discuss petrochemical technology exchange program with colleagues of the China International Trade Promotion Committee.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Jun 76
22 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Yokohama police arrest 19 pro-Beijing Chinese for illegally occupying office of a local pro-Taipei organization, as polarization of pro-Taiwan and pro-TJC Chinese groups intensifies in anticipation of regional convention aimed at establishing unity among Chinese residents.		X			FBIS (AP) 25 May 76
22 May 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. C. Itoh Co. of Japan discloses conclusion of contract with PRC for export of processed polyester textiles at cost of \$1.2 million, and conclusion of contract with USSR for jersey cloth at cost of about \$1 million.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
22 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ releases Soviet press agency member arrested on suspicion of espionage, as he attempted to elicit information from US crewman of the aircraft carrier <u>Midway</u> ; GOJ sources cite "diplomatic considerations" and agent's failure to accomplish espionage mission as reasons for release, and warns Soviet Embassy in Tokyo against future illegal acts perpetrated by Soviet journalists.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 May 76
22 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Maritime Self-Defense Force vessels stop and turn aside Soviet intelligence ship engaged in ELINT operations against the SDF while hovering near Japanese territorial waters, in Sea of Japan near Wakasa Bay (western Honshu).		X			FBIS (AP) 24 May 76
25 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Agricultural Technique Exchange Association announces dispatch of mission to PRC in June at invitation of Chinese Society for Agriculture.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 May 76
26 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Managing Director of the Japan International Trade Promotion Association Toshio Oshikawa on return to Tokyo attributes decline of Japanese export contracts at Guangzhou (Canton) Trade Fair to high price of Japanese products.		X			FBIS (AP) 27 May 76
26 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Tokyo University School of Technology delegation, comprising metallurgical, natural resources development and computer experts, under sponsorship of Japan-China Association on Economy and Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association, will visit PRC in June to promote Sino-Japanese scientific exchanges.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 May 76
26 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Agriculture-Forestry Minister Shintaro Abe announces GOJ will invite Soviet Fisheries Minister to Japan for talks on the future of mutual fishing grounds in the northern Pacific, in view of recent international moves to extend offshore economic zones to 200 miles.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 May 76
27 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC construction and civil-engineering experts arrive in Tokyo for visit at invitation of Japan-China Association on Economy and Trade and other professional groups, to exchange views with Japanese counterparts on earthquake-proof construction.		X			FBIS (AP) 27 May 76
27 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Ex-GOJ FM and President of the Japan Association for the Promotion of International Trade Aichiro Fujiyama arrives in Beijing at invitation of China-Japan Friendship Association for talks on improvement of bilateral trade relations.		X			FBIS (AP) 28 May 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
27 May 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DRV sources disclaim unsubstantiated reports from Singapore alleging PRC aid to DRV has been suspended. They cite PRC economic and technical cooperation on projects, such as electric power station at Minh Binh, south of Hanoi, fertilizer factory at Ha Bac, northeast of Hanoi, and Thanh Long bridge over Red River, as examples of continuing Chinese assistance.		X			FBIS (AP) 27 May 76
27 May 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DRV scientific delegation arrives in Beijing to hold talks and sign an agreement for scientific cooperation with the PRC.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Jul 76
28 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Ambassador to Singapore Shinsuke Hori admits Japanese concern over activities of Soviet naval vessels in waters close to Japanese shores but states, "there is nothing we can do about it."		X			FBIS (AP) 28 May 76
28 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo D.S. Polyanskiy pays courtesy call on GOJ Vice Foreign Minister Shoji Sato and notes that Russo-Japanese relations are progressing favorably in many fields. He lauds the Japanese Diet for its approval of the ratification of the nuclear nonproliferation pact but responds to a Sato observation concerning the unresolved northern territorial issue by stating that the Japanese demand for return of the islands is groundless and the Soviet view on this matter remains unchanged.		X			FBIS (AP) 1 Jun 76
29 May 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities release 13 Japanese fishermen captured off Kunashiri Island in mid-May.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Jun 76
31 May 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese cable manufacturers, including Tokyo Rope Manufacturing Co., conclude contract with PRC for export of 12.5 thousand tons of cable during second half of 1976.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 76
1 Jun 76	VIETNAM/PRC. A DRV delegation of the State Commission for Science and Technology and the Social Sciences Commission arrives in Beijing for visit at invitation of Chinese Academy of Sciences.		X			FBIS (AP) 2 Jun 76
1 Jun 76	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR extends assistance for construction of cement factory in Thanh Hoa Province.		X			FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 76
2 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Embassy in Tokyo announces forthcoming resumption of exchange visits and liaison between CPSU and JSP. The move follows suspension of relations in spring 1975 precipitated by JSP endorsement of PRC statement denouncing Soviet "hegemony" during the course of a JSP delegation visit to China.		X			FBIS (AP) 3 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
3 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR gives permission for Japanese delegation to visit graves of Japanese war dead on Sakhalin Peninsula in the fall of 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Jun 76
4 Jun 76	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Sun Jian (Sun Chien) receives visiting DRV scientific delegation as Vietnam and China sign bilateral scientific and technical cooperation plan for 1976-77.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 76
6 Jun 76	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV scientist and Chairman of Social Sciences Commission Nguyen Khanh is elected as foreign member of USSR Academy of Sciences.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 76
7 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ sources declare GOJ may break deadlock with PRC on negotiations for a bilateral peace and friendship treaty, probably in July, after Japanese Ambassador to Beijing returns home temporarily to present his assessment of situation.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 Jun 76
7 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ and USSR sign agreement regulating annual crab catch by both countries and permitting Japanese fishermen to gather mollusks close to Soviet coastline.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 76
7 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Kintetsu Air Cargo Co. Ltd. of Japan announces conclusion of agent contract with Aeroflot to promote air cargo transport business with European countries via USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76
8 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Premier Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-feng) advises visiting Japanese ex-EM, Aichihiro Fujiyama, that the PRC is ready to resume negotiations with Japan for a peace and friendship treaty, if Japan agrees "not to step back from spirit of 1972 joint statement in regard to anti-hegemony issue." He adds that PRC foreign policy remains unchanged despite recent change in government leadership. GOJ promises study of Hua statements.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 76
8 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. Ex-GOJ FM Aichihiro Fujiyama advises press on return from Beijing visit that PRC wishes Japan to make a firm decision to include an anti-hegemony clause in any peace and friendship treaty negotiated between the two countries, and that China is prepared to wait until Japan agrees to conclude the treaty in accordance with the GOJ-PRC joint communique of 1972.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Jun 76
8 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet fishing vessels off eastern Hokkaido are reported to be causing damage to fishing nets of Japanese fishermen.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
9 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet intelligence-gathering ship observes GOJ Maritime Self-Defense Force vessels conducting antisubmarine training.			X		FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 76
10 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. Ex-GOJ FM Aichihiro Fujiyama amplifies earlier statements on official Chinese views concerning a proposed peace and friendship treaty with Japan. He states that PRC leadership does not insist on inclusion of any clause specifically opposing Soviet hegemony but merely hopes that articles 6 and 7 of the 1972 Japan-China joint communique, which expressed the intent of both countries to settle disputes by peaceful means and oppose hegemony by third countries, should be included without amendment in the proposed treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 76
11 and 13 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK announces the seizure of two South Korean fishing boats in the East China Sea by unidentified vessels thought to be Chinese; seizures follow PRC warnings to South Korean trawlers to stop fishing in Chinese territorial waters.			X		CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 76
13 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ maritime authorities report presence of abnormally large Soviet fishing fleets in waters between Sakhalin and Hokkaido, in defiance of unilateral Japanese restraint on fishing in area to conserve marine resources.			X		FBIS (AP) 14 Jun 76
14 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry dispatches Asian Affairs Director Nakae on tour of PRC and Southeast Asian capitals to assess situation in Indochina and adjacent countries a year after the fall of Saigon. While in PRC, he is expected to discuss methods for rekindling suspended GOJ/PRC talks on peace and friendship treaty.			X		FBIS (AP) 14 Jun 76
15 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry source cites "fluid situation" in internal Japanese politics as reason GOJ is unable to enter into detailed final negotiations with PRC for conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty. He states that resumption of negotiations at the present time might be construed in Japan as an attempt by the Miki government to prolong its term of office and that the PRC might take advantage of the situation to prevent Japan from expressing its opinions candidly.			X		FBIS (AP) 15 Jun 76
15 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ and PRC open Joint Fishery Committee meeting in Beijing to review bilateral agreement on fishing rights and territorial limits in the Yellow and East China Seas.			X		FBIS (AP) 15 Jun 76
15 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR places \$5 billion order for ultralarge construction vehicle tires from three Japanese rubber manufacturing firms.			X		FBIS (AP) 15 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
16 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK fishing boat is surrounded but narrowly eludes capture by PRC vessels in Yellow Sea. The incident leads ROK authorities to conclude that Chinese vessels may have kidnapped two Korean fishing boats reported missing earlier in the same area.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Jun 76
16 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK, through Japan and the International Red Cross, seeks contact with Beijing to secure early repatriation of Korean fishermen believed kidnapped on high seas by PRC vessels a week ago.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Jun 76
16 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. Korean Chapter on International Human Rights in Seoul appeals to PRC for release of two ROK fishing boats and 16 crew members believed kidnapped by PRC vessels in Yellow Sea.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Jun 76
17 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC-GOJ Joint Fishery Committee ends meeting in Beijing with decision to continue existing restraints on fishing in the Yellow and South China Seas.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Jun 76
17 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK Democratic Unification Party charges PRC with committing piracy against South Korea and demands immediate return of two Korean fishing boats and their crews seized by Chinese vessels a week ago. The demand follows escape by a third Korean boat from Chinese seizure in the Yellow Sea, and an earlier warning by PRC to ROK to keep its fishing craft out of Chinese territorial waters.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Jun 76
17 Jun 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the DRV State Commission for Science and Technology arrives in Moscow to discuss measures with Soviet counterparts for increasing scientific cooperation between USSR and DRV. Visit results in the signing of protocol for such cooperation in 1976-78.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76
18 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Foreign Ministry lodges protest against Japan in Beijing and Tokyo simultaneously for arrest of Chinese residents by Japanese police in course of altercation by pro-PRC and pro-Taiwan Chinese supporters in Yokohama.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 76
18 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. Work on beaching/landing Japan-China undersea cable between Kumamoto Prefecture (Kyushu) and Shanghai proceeds on schedule as joint project approaches expected completion in July.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76
18 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. JDA sources report MSDF helicopter sighting of Soviet intelligence ship off coast of Wayakama Prefecture (southern Honshu).		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
18 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. JDA Director-General Michita Sakata reports Soviet intelligence ships were detected by SDF five times in past 30 days off coasts of Chiba and Fukui Prefectures.			X		FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76
18 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ lodges protest with USSR for "reckless operations" of Soviet fishing vessels which damaged nets and equipment belonging to Japanese fishermen in vicinity of Kushiro (southeastern Hokkaido).			X		FBIS (AP) 21 Jun 76
18 Jun 76	DPRK/USSR. CPSU delegation arrives in Pyongyang for visit at invitation of Central Committee of Korean Workers Party and is feted at banquet in People's Palace of Culture. The ceremonies include an exchange of toasts of mutual friendship.			X		FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76
18 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. PRC confirms detention of two South Korean fishing boats for intrusion into Chinese territorial waters. ROK orders own fishing vessels not to proceed closer than 30 miles from disputed area, to operate in groups of three to four vessels, and to report by radio once daily. ROK maritime police are ordered to supervise fishing catch from "protected zone" covered by China-Japan fishing agreement.			X		FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76
18 Jun 76	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC and DRV hold railway conference in Kunming (China) and sign protocol to upgrade bilateral cooperation in rail transport.			X		FBIS (AP) 18 Jun 76
19 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ sources announce agreement with PRC to establish GOJ/PRC ship-ping line representative offices in each nation, and to form an organization for regular consultative conferences on fishing matters of bilateral interest.			X		FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 76
19 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK demands immediate release of two fishing boats and crewmen detained by PRC, alleging seizure of craft took place on the high seas, outside PRC territorial jurisdiction. The Korean Government additionally proposes negotiations with PRC to establish fishing rules and procedures to settle disputes peacefully.			X		FBIS (AP) 21 Jun 76
20 Jun 76	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV ambassador to Moscow presents Vietnamese decorations to Soviet experts who contributed to the "liberation fight and national construction" of the Vietnamese people; recipients include engineers, geologists, miners and civil servants.			X		FBIS (AP) 21 Jun 76
21 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK fishing vessels, apprehended by PRC for fishing in Chinese territorial waters, are released.			X		FBIS (AP) 23 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	Cul		
21 Jun 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the Vietnamese Writers Association headed by Dang Thai Mai, President of the Union of Cultural Workers, attends opening ceremony of Soviet Writers' Congress.				X			VIET NAM COURIER Aug 76
22 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet fishing vessel is reported to be harassing and obstructing Japanese fishing vessel in waters east of Hokkaido.	X						FBIS (AP) 23 Jun 76
22 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet patrol vessels seize three small Japanese fishing craft east of Hokkaido, about 12 kilometers off Soviet-held Etorofu Island.	X						FBIS (AP) 23 Jun 76
22 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK Agriculture-Fisheries Minister Choe Kak Kyu announces South Korean Government's willingness to negotiate with PRC for conclusion of agreement for peaceful fishing operations by both countries in the East China Sea.	X						FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 76
22 Jun 76	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Vice Premier for Foreign Affairs Han Nianlong (Han Nien-jung) expresses Chinese solidarity with, and praise for, impending unification of Vietnam, at farewell party for departing PRG ambassador in Beijing. He stresses "revolutionary friendship" between peoples of China and Vietnam.	X						FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 76
23 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. JSP delegation departs for PRC after meeting with PM Miki who states desire to conclude a peace and friendship treaty with China as soon as possible.	X						FBIS (AP) 23 Jun 76
23 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry lodges second protest with USSR Embassy in Tokyo, against damages caused by Soviet fishermen to equipment of Japanese fishing boats off Kushiro, Hokkaido.	X						FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 76
23 Jun 76	DPRK/PRC. Korean People's Army song and dance ensemble departs Pyongyang for visit to China at invitation of PRC Ministry of National Defense.							FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 76
23 Jun 76	DPRK/USSR. DPRK delegation of <u>Nodong Siumun</u> , official organ of Korean Workers Party Central Committee, departs Pyongyang for visit to USSR under <u>Pravda</u> auspices.							FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 76
24 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. JDA reports Soviet intelligence ship sighting, 100 kilometers south of Goto Islands, Nagasaki Prefecture (Kyushu), the sixth such sighting off Japanese home islands since May.							FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 76
24 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Maritime Safety Agency officials report abnormally large Soviet fishing fleet of 40 vessels off coast of Iwate Prefecture (northeastern Honshu).	X						FBIS (AP) 25 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
24 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK Government sources greet news of PRC release of ROK fishing boats as "fortunate" and state ROK Government's intentions to work out necessary measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 76
25 Jun 76	DPRK/USSR. DPRK public health delegation departs Pyongyang to attend 17th meeting of public health ministers of socialist countries in Moscow.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 76
25 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK Foreign Ministry spokesman states that ROK is still hopeful PRC will negotiate with Seoul to ensure orderly fishing activities in the Yellow Sea.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jun 76
25 Jun 76	VIETNAM/PRC. "Week of Soviet-Vietnam Friendship" opens in Moscow to coincide with the first session of the National Assembly of reunified Vietnam.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 76
26 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Transport Ministry agrees to permit Aeroflot flights once a week between Moscow and Tokyo.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jun 76
26 Jun 76	ROK/PRC. ROK fishing vessels released by PRC arrive at home port of Inchon.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jun 76
27 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Idemitsu Kosan Co. Ltd. of Japan reports conclusion of contract with USSR for import of 1 million tons of crude oil from Russia between July 1976 and March 1977.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jul 76
28 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. JDA reports Soviet intelligence ship collecting data for antisubmarine operations, 12 Kilometers NNW of Ikittsuki Island, off coast of Nagasaki Prefecture (Kyushu).	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jun 76
29 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese industrialists announce that Japanese anti-pollution equipment and waste water treatment systems will be exhibited for the first time in Beijing during September.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jul 76
29 Jun 76	JAPAN/PRC. Kobe Steel Ltd., of Japan, announces contract with PRC for export of 50 tons of rolled aluminum.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Jul 76
30 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. Damage caused by Russian vessels to Japanese fishing craft off Hokkaido causes Hokkaido governor to dispatch letter to USSR Fisheries Minister, urging that "proper measures be taken to observe that Japan-Soviet fishing agreement and that there be immediate compensation for losses caused by Soviet fishing boats."	X				FBIS (AP) 2 Jul 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
30 Jun 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency Director-General Yoshihide Uchimura and USSR Fisheries Minister A.A. Ishikov, meeting in Moscow, agree Japan and the Soviet Union should oppose new US law extending fishing and economic resources exploitation zone from 12 to 200 miles next March; Soviet minister assures GOJ the USSR will revoke licenses of Soviet ship captains whose vessels damage Japanese nets and other fishing equipment if Soviet investigation of the circumstances indicates malfeasance by the Russian craft.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
1 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. JSP Deputy Chairman Saburo Eda received by PRC Vice Premier Li Xiannian (Li Hsien-nien) during Beijing visit, states "A Japan-PRC peace and friendship treaty should be concluded as soon as possible for the sake not only of Japan-PRC friendship but also for stability in Asia"; Vice Premier Li concurs but responds PRC cannot compromise principles and will agree to reopening of negotiations only if opposition to hegemony, as expressed in previous Japan-PRC joint statement, is included in treaty.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Jul 76
1 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Toyo Kogyo Co. Ltd., Japanese manufacturer of rotary engines for passenger cars and other vehicles, receives USSR query on establishing rotary engine manufacturing plant and order for rotary engine components sufficient for 400 to 500 test vehicles; firm responds to Soviet order but declines to provide patents and technology transfer.				X		FBIS (AP) 1 Jul 76
1 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo daily comments on activity by Soviet intelligence ships in vicinity of Japanese home islands in May and June and summarizes incidents with names of Russian vessels, dates, and locations of sightings.				X		FBIS (AP) 2 Jul 76
1 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Maritime Agency officials report seizure of Japanese fishing vessel by Soviet patrol craft off Nemuro, eastern Hokkaido.				X		FBIS (AP) 2 Jul 76
1 Jul 76	VIETNAM/PRC. <u>Nhan Dan</u> , official party organ in Hanoi, expresses congratulations to Chinese Communist Party on its 55th anniversary stating that Vietnamese and Chinese people are bound together by ties of friendship and "militant solidarity" and acknowledging the "great, effective support" received by Vietnam from the PRC during the struggle against "French colonialists and American imperialists" and for the subsequent building of socialism. The newspaper lastly thanks the "Communist Party, the government and the people of China" for undiminished assistance and encouragement.				X		FBIS (AP) 7 Jul 76
2 Jul 76	Vietnam unified and renamed Socialist Republic of Vietnam - SRV.						FBIS (AP) 12 Jul 76
2 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Seismological Society of Japan announces intent to dispatch scientific group to PRC in August to study Chinese methods of forecasting earthquakes.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jul 76
2 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. JSP Deputy Chairman Saburo Eda states at Beijing banquet that the task of the JSP is to exert effort in Diet and develop momentum nationally for early conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty with PRC.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jul 76
3 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steel manufacturers and PRC National Metals and Minerals Import-Export Corp. reach agreement on dispatch of high-level Japanese mission to Beijing for discussions on Chinese purchase of Japanese steel.				X		FBIS (AP) 6 Jul 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
4 Jul 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Ambassador to China conveys note stating that the SRV will maintain the diplomatic relations previously established with China by the DRV and PRG.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Aug 76
4 Jul 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet and satellite papers welcome unification of Vietnam and proclamation of SRV; <u>Izvestiya</u> states, "The long-nurtured sacred dream of the Vietnamese people has come true...July 2, 1976, will be recorded in Vietnam's history as one of the most glorious dates. It will always be a symbol of Vietnam's historic reunification and national resurrection...This day will be remembered by progressive mankind since it gives birth to a new mighty socialist country, the outpost of socialism in Southeast Asia."	X					FBIS (USSR) 13 Jul 76
5 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese trade sources report sale of three Japanese industrial plants for total of \$100 million to PRC in first half of 1976; facilities sold include polyester-fiber plant, synthetic rubber plant, and BTX (benzene-toluene-xylene) extracting plant.	X					FBIS (AP) 7 Jul 76
5 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR Japanese industry sources report continued Soviet interest in purchasing Japanese machinery with 15 major contracts signed since March 1976.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 Jul 76
6 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese oil industry sources disclose that Japan has reached agreement with the PRC for the purchase of 700,000 tons of PRC crude oil for the second half of 1976.	X					FBIS (AP) 7 Jul 76
6 Jul 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Hanoi presents 40 vehicles to Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions as gift from Soviet trade union organizations.	X					FBIS (AP) 9 Jul 76
7 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. JDA reports Soviet task force consisting of four warships, including a Kresta-class missile cruiser, joined by 12 antisubmarine aircraft and bombers, are conducting maneuvers between Japan and Okinawa.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 Jul 76
7 Jul 76	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Ambassador to the USSR delivers a note relating that the SRV will maintain the diplomatic relations with the USSR previously established by the DRV.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Aug 76
8 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC reduces c.i.f. price of crude oil destined for Japan by average of 20 cents per barrel; f.o.b. price remains at \$12.30 per barrel.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 Jul 76
8 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. JSP Deputy Chairman Saburo Eda reports to PM on JSP delegation trip to China and discloses that PRC wishes to conclude a peace and friendship treaty with Japan as soon as possible.	X					FBIS (AP) 9 Jul 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
8 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo confers with JSP Secretary General, inquiring about status of negotiations on proposed Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty and about JSP view of hegemony issue. He then invites JSP delegation to visit USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jul 76
9 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Minister Miyazawa complains to the Diet that Chinese support for Japan's claims to the four northern islands is not welcome as it will only hinder settlement of the matter between Japan and the Soviet Union.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Dec 76
9 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Civil Engineering Exchange Association delegation announces, under Association sponsorship, PRC visit to promote technology exchanges for construction of port facilities.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 76
9 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) announces dispatch of economic mission to USSR in August, at invitation of Soviet government, to confer on Japan's participation in the USSR's 10th Five-year Plan.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jul 76
9 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Union signs letter of intent to buy ¥80 billion gas liquefaction plant from Japan Steel Works Ltd.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jul 76
10 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet patrol boats seize Japanese fishing vessel off Etorofu, Kurile Islands.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jul 76
10 Jul 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK party and government officials express condolences and send floral tributes to PRC on death of Zhu De (Chu Te), Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 76
10 Jul 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Union inaugurates USSR-Vietnam Friendship Week to celebrate first session of National Assembly of newly unified SRV with meetings and activities held in all republics of the Soviet Union, and a TV appearance in Moscow by SRV ambassador to the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 76
11 Jul 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK celebrates 15th anniversary of Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance with PRC as <u>Nodong Sinmun</u> quotes Kim Il Song on subject: "Korea-China Friendship is a militant <u>friendship</u> between class brothers based on Marxist-Leninism and proletarian internationalism; a noble friendship forged with blood in the joint struggle against imperialism, and an immortal friendship which will blossom forever, overcoming all trials."	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Jul 76
12 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Minister Miyazawa tells visiting US Senate Majority Leader M. Mansfield that Japan does not favor an early normalization of US-China relations.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Dec 76

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12 Jul 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Talks begin in Moscow between N.K. Baibakov, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, and Le Thanh Nghi, Vice Premier of the Government of the SRV, on USSR assistance to the SRV for economic restoration and development and strengthening of economic cooperation between the two countries.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 76
14 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese mission from Aichi Prefecture (Honshu) and China Council for Promotion of International Trade reach agreement on PRC participation in Nagoya Fair to be held in May 1977.		X				FBIS (AP) 15 Jul 76
14 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Miyazawa expresses regret over statement to visiting US Senator Mike Mansfield that Japan had no desire to see the US normalize relations with the PRC at an early date; explains he had no intention of meddling in US-PRC relations or of alienating either country.		X				FBIS (AP) 15 Jul 76
14 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ FM Miyazawa states at a Diet committee meeting that the principal obstacle to a peace and friendship treaty with PRC "is not how to include an antihegemony clause in the treaty but how to handle relations with the Soviet Union in connection with the treaty."		X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jul 76
15 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Toshiba Machine Co. of Tokyo receives \$6.6 billion order for large size machine tools, including gear-cutting equipment, from Soviet Machine Tool Import Corporation.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Jul 76
15 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. USSR trade officials query Japanese steel manufacturers regarding possibility of Soviet purchase of 1.5 million tons of steel plate over 5 year period.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Jul 76
16 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and the PRC sign nongovernment agreement for Japanese import of Chinese silk fabrics.		X				DIA (MNL) 7-13 Aug 78
16 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Radio Peking and People's Daily criticize GOJ FM Miyazawa statement opposing rapid normalization of US-PRC relations, calling it an "unfounded anti-China statement." A PRC Foreign Ministry spokesman, while downplaying the criticism as a nongovernmental view, nevertheless warns that "it might be difficult for the time being to promote the Japan-China peace and friendship treaty talks."		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Jul 76
16 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Nippon Kokan KK, Japanese steelmaking firm, announces signing of contract to sell plant and technology for annealing cold-rolled steel sheets to USSR Mining and Metallurgical Equipment Corporation in business deal valued at ¥16 billion.		X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jul 76

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16 Jul 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the Vietnam General Federation of Trade Unions departs Hanoi for visit to USSR at invitation of Soviet Central Council of Trade Unions.			X		FBIS (AP) 16 Jul 76
17 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. China-Japan Friendship Association Secretary General Sun Pinghua (Sun Ping-hua) tells visiting Japanese delegation that "the Chinese people resolutely support the Japanese people's movement for the return of northern territories," but then hints at a hardening PRC line on Sino-Japanese treaty negotiations by asserting that no progress has been made "based on the joint Japan-China statement."	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jul 76
18 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. JSP Chairman Tomomi Narita assails FM Miyazawa statement that the US and PRC should not normalize relations as constituting interference in the internal affairs of the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jul 76
18 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Sanyo Specialty Steel Co. Ltd. of Japan concludes contract with USSR for export of pig iron, ferro alloys, steel wire, and metal products totaling \$10 million.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Jul 76
18 Jul 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Le Thanh Nghi, SRV Vice Premier and Politburo member, stopping in Moscow on way home from professional meeting in Berlin, holds talks with Soviet Council of Ministers Chairman A.N. Kosygin on bilateral economic cooperation between SRV and USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jul 76
20 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Ranking PRC Foreign Ministry official lodges verbal protest with Japanese Embassy in Beijing concerning GOJ FM Miyazawa's remarks to US Senator Mansfield that the US and PRC should not normalize relations at an early date. GOJ Ambassador offers explanation, subsequently made by FM Miyazawa to Diet, that Tokyo would "not meddle in the question of Washington-Beijing normalization which is a bilateral issue between the United States and China." As a further measure to reassure the Chinese official, the Ambassador adds that Japan is also reluctant to be indirectly playing a role in the deteriorating state of PRC-USSR relations resulting from PRC support for Japan's claims in a Japan-USSR dispute. He explains that Japan has no desire to see relations between China and the Soviet Union exacerbated as a result of the Japanese claim to the four northern islands held by the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Jul 76
20 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR patrol boat seizes Japanese fishing vessel 13 kilometers off Soviet-held northern islands east of Hokkaido; incident constitutes 19th seizure of Japanese craft in the area for the year.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jul 76
22 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC postpones first working-level conference of Japan-PRC maritime transport agreement originally scheduled to begin in late July in Tokyo.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jul 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
24 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR queries Japanese steelmakers regarding purchase of 300,000 tons annually of pipeline steel plates for next 3 to 5 years, with assistance of GOJ guaranteed loans. The inquiry receives lukewarm reception from GOJ because of low foreign currency holdings by Soviet Union.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Jul 76
24 Jul 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV inaugurates medical supplies and equipment factory built with PRC aid in Bac Thai Province, north of Hanoi.					FBIS (AP) 26 Jul 76
25 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities release Japanese fishing vessel seized off northern islands, east of Hokkaido, on 20 July.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Jul 76
27 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan Council to Import Chinese Crude Oil notifies PRC of Council's willingness to import 2.5 million tons of Chinese crude oil in 1976. Total Japanese imports of Chinese oil in 1976 are expected to reach 6.8 million tons, a figure considerably below the 8 million tons imported in 1975.		X			FBIS (AP) 2 Aug 76
27 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. Japanese press reports PRC stunned at arrest of ex-GOJ PM and China-supporter Kakuei Tanaka in Lockheed scandal and predicts China will try to rebuild its channels of communication with LDP. The press also reports the Soviet view that Tanaka arrest was due to Japanese public opinion and that Lockheed scandal is reflection of US strategy to expand its military influence worldwide.		X			FBIS (AP) 27 Jul 76
28 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Miki appears before Diet Foreign Affairs Committee meeting to explain FM Miyazawa statement that US and PRC should not establish full diplomatic relations too quickly. PM states normalization of relations between China and the United States is problem to be settled solely by two countries concerned. He, however, supports FM statement that it would be undesirable for USSR and PRC to confront each other over Japan's territorial dispute with the Soviet Union and indicates it might be beneficial for top GOJ and PRC government leaders to hold direct talks on a treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Jul 76
28 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry reports arrests of two Japanese businessmen in Moscow for allegedly bribing Soviet officials.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jul 76
29 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR releases two Japanese businessmen arrested for bribery in Moscow when they distributed calendars and brandy to Soviet officials, allegedly to obtain business related information.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Jul 76
29 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese press reports unprecedented Soviet naval activity off coasts of Japan and chronicles all known USSR warship sightings and maneuvers near Japan in 1976. Also noted is alarm of GOJ defense officials.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Jul 76

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29 Jul 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fisheries Agency announces Japan and the Soviet Union will conduct joint survey of herring in northern Sea of Okhotsk beginning in August.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Jul 76
30 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Miyazawa announces Japan will extend disaster assistance to PRC following earthquake devastation in China.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jul 76
30 Jul 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Miyazawa announces help is being sought from Diet House of Councillors President Kenzo Kono to get negotiations back on track for treaty of peace and friendship with PRC, when Kono travels to Beijing in September.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jul 76
31 Jul 76	ROK/USSR. ROK Red Cross cables message of thanks to Soviet Red Cross Society for humanitarian assistance extended by Russian vessel to South Korean fishing boat in distress in the eastern Pacific.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Aug 76
2 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese External Trade Organization (JETRO) announces two-way trade between Japan and China during first half of 1976 declined 6.5 percent from a similar period in 1975. Japanese exports to PRC dropped 4.5 percent; imports from PRC by 9.7 percent. Steel exports to PRC rose most sharply by 54.7 percent; chemical exports dropped 44.6 percent; Chinese crude oil imports dropped 21.8 percent.		X			FBIS (AP) 3 Aug 76
3 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Keidanren (Federation of Economic Organizations) delegation to visit USSR at Soviet invitation; mission is expected to plot course of future industrial cooperation between Japan and the USSR; Soviet pressure expected on delegation to rectify trade imbalance favoring Japan and to raise total of foreign credits extended by Japan to the USSR from \$2 to \$3 billion.		X			FBIS (AP) 4 Aug 76
4 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. Kanematsu-Gosho Ltd. of Japan announces conclusion of tripartite trade agreement linking Japan, China, and United States; under contract terms, Japanese firm will purchase from PRC 400,000 yards unbleached muslin, which will be shipped to US for dyeing and sale to US retailers.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 Aug 76
11 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Atomic Energy Committee Chairman proposes conclusion of private atomic energy cooperation agreement between Japan and the USSR to visiting mission of the Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations. Soviet Keidanren President Toshiwo Doko promises Japanese study of proposal. Soviet Foreign Trade Minister expresses hope to delegation, at later meeting, that Japan will extend long-term loans to USSR, as it does to Europe and the United States and remarks that no drastic development in Japan-Soviet trade can be expected if Japanese EXIM Bank credits are extended only for individual projects. He presses for long-term Japanese loans covering periods of 20-25 years.		X	X		FBIS (AP) 11 Aug 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
11 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese financial sources announce meeting of joint Japan-USSR Economic Committee to be held in November for first time in 2 years; major agenda items are expected to be: (1) study of Japan-USSR joint projects connected with GSU long-term development plan to 1990, and (2) bilateral cooperation in development of Siberia, including Yakutiya natural gas project.			X		FBIS (AP) 13 Aug 76
12 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Nippon Steel Corporation and four other Japanese steelmakers receive Soviet order for 59,000 metric tons of rolled steel for delivery during October-December 1976 period.			X		FBIS (AP) 17 Aug 76
13 Aug 76	ROK/USSR. South Korean sources announce ROK is seeking diplomatic contacts with USSR aimed at protecting ROK fishing rights in waters contiguous to Soviet offshore areas, especially in vicinity of Kamchatka Peninsula, in anticipation of Soviet declaration of a 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Aug 76
13 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev meets with Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) delegation at Yalta and presents USSR wishes to undertake long-term Japan-Soviet economic projects extending 10 to 15 years in the future. He proposes to negotiate a private-level atomic energy cooperation agreement to supplement GOJ/GSU scientific and technological cooperation pact of 1973 and stresses need for mutual cooperation between Japan and the USSR while expressing optimism over forthcoming Japanese/Soviet Economic Committee meeting to take place in November. Keidanren delegation greets Brezhnev proposals with caution; Keidanren President, Toshiro Dokko, advises Brezhnev Japan will cooperate economically with USSR on case-by-case basis. He mentions that level of Japan-Soviet trade is progressing smoothly and is expected to reach \$3 billion in 1976 and that it is necessary for both nations to continuously promote economic cooperation as well as increase cultural and other ties for enhanced mutual understanding. However, his invitation to Brezhnev to visit Japan receives an equivocal response from the Soviet leader.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Aug 76
15 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations delegation returns to Tokyo after visit to USSR at invitation of Soviet government.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Aug 76
15 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities apprehend Japanese fishing vessel in vicinity of Kaiba, Sakhalin Island.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Aug 76
17 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Tokiko Ltd. of Japan announces contract for export of ¥450 million worth of instrumentation equipment to USSR; items ordered include flow meters for petroleum tanks, fixed-quantity valves, and electronic/technological instrumentation panels.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Aug 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
18 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) President Toshiwo Doko holds press conference on return from Russian trip and reports GSU wishes to establish long-range economic cooperation program with Japan covering 10 to 15 years. He relays Brezhnev's call for promotion of economic cooperation between the two countries, and indicates USSR will not permit involvement of third countries in such economic schemes. He reports that Soviet leaders requested Japanese cooperation in specific USSR development projects, including construction of new trans-Siberian railway, paper mill at Khabarovsk, exploitation of coking coal in southern Yakutsk and copper mine at Udokan but discloses that the Keidanren mission only agreed to convey the Soviet proposal on long-term credits to GOJ while leaving discussion of specific joint projects to future meetings of the Japan-Soviet Economic Committee.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Aug 76
19 Aug 76	Japanese Association for Promotion of International Trade Director Jiro Takeyoshi arrives in Beijing for consultations with Chinese officials on scheduling exhibition of Japanese environmental and hydraulic equipment.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Aug 76
19 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet officials seize Japanese cod-fishing boat about 22 kilometers south of Soviet-held Shikotan Island, east of Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Aug 76
19 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities release Japanese fishing boat seized off Sakhalin Island on 15 August, after confiscating vessel's fishing equipment and crew's personal belongings.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Aug 76
20 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry officially asks USSR, through Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo, that CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev visit Japan as soon as possible to expedite negotiations for Russo-Japanese peace treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Aug 76
24 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China hold first governmental consultation on bilateral maritime matters since conclusion of shipping agreement in June 1976 and sign bilateral pact to establish private-level shipping representative offices in the two countries.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Aug 76
25 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC technical mission announces it will visit Japan in early September to study Japanese oil-refining technology at invitation of Japan-China Association on Economy and Trade.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Aug 76
25 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Ambassador to Beijing Heishiro Ogawa returns home for consultations; tells journalists at Tokyo press conference that it will be "some time" before Japan and China sign a treaty of peace and friendship but that he is "not pessimistic" about the ultimate conclusion of the projected treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Aug 76

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25 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and the PRC reach agreement on bilateral consultation concerning marine transportation matters.			X			DTA (MNL) 7-13 Aug 78
25 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese Association for Promotion of International Trade announces total of 230 Japanese executives and business leaders, representing 95 companies, will participate in trade exhibition featuring Japanese environmental and hydraulic equipment, opening in Beijing in early October.			X			FBIS (AP) 30 Aug 76
25 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet patrol vessel seizes Japanese cuttlefish boat 140 kilometers NNW of Hokkaido and takes it to Sakhalin Island. GOJ Maritime Agency denies Japanese boat was in Soviet territorial waters when apprehended.			X			FBIS (AP) 26 Aug 76
25 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese journalist interviews Soviet First Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Semichastnov concerning recently concluded talks between CPSU General Secretary Brezhnev and Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) delegation. Semichastnov states Brezhnev highly valued economic cooperation between USSR and Japan and emphasized need to establish long-term economic cooperation between the two countries. He relates that Brezhnev proposed new joint forestry development project in Siberia, the conclusion of atomic energy agreement, and discussed long term credits and repayment terms.		X				FBIS (AP) 27 Aug 76
25 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Kichi Miyazawa advises Diet he hopes for September meeting in New York with Soviet counterpart, Andrey Gromyko, to discuss territorial issue of northern islands and Russian interference with Japanese fishing operations.		X				FBIS (AP) 1 Sep 76
26 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. Trading activities between Japan and PRC resume after 1 month suspension due to earthquakes in China; Japanese textile delegations and team of raw cotton experts arrive in Beijing.		X				FBIS (AP) 27 Aug 76
27 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. Masakazu Echigo, head of Japanese economic mission dispatched by Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry to USSR and East Europe, holds press conference in Moscow and states USSR is seeking to obtain more long-term credits from Japan for development of Siberia. He advises newsmen that prospects for Japanese cooperation with Soviet Union in field of production are favorable, especially in Siberia and remarks that Soviet officials have been invited to increase the number of port calls in Osaka by Russian vessels and to participate in Osaka Trade Fair in 1977. He then discloses that Soviet Foreign Trade Minister N.S. Patolichev will visit Japan in December to sign trade and payment agreement.		X				FBIS (AP) 30 Aug 76

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28 Aug 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the Vietnam-Soviet Union Friendship Association led by Hoang Minh Chiam, member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Vietnamese Fatherland Front, leaves Hanoi for a friendship visit to the Soviet Union and to participate in activities celebrating the 31st National Day of Vietnam in the USSR.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 76
30 Aug 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade reports exports of machinery to China in first half of 1976 decreased 43.2 percent in value from same period in 1975; slump is attributed to completion of PRC fourth 5-year plan in 1975.	X				FBIS (AP) 31 Aug 76
30 Aug 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Maritime Safety Agency concludes four overdue Japanese fishing boats are probably in Russian custody following the receipt of radio messages reporting their imminent capture by Soviet patrol craft.	X				FBIS (AP) 31 Aug 76
31 Aug 76	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign plan in Moscow, providing for cultural and scientific cooperation during 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 Sep 76
1 Sep 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ vice FM and ambassador to Beijing confer on prospects for a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty and reach decision to advise PRC of unchanged GOJ position relating to the execution of such a treaty. They decide also to press for GOJ/PRC ministerial meeting during forthcoming UN General Assembly session in order to exchange views on treaty negotiations, Japan/China relations, and international situation.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 76
1 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Niigata Engineering Co. of Japan announces conclusion of ¥1.9 billion contract with USSR for construction of crude oil shipping facilities at Black Sea port of Novorossiysk.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 76
2 Sep 76	JAPAN/PRC. Yammar Diesel Engine Co. of Japan receives order from PRC for two power generating equipment packages worth ¥150 million.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Sep 76
2 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities release four crewmen from Japanese vessels previously seized off northern islands, east of Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 Sep 76
2 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR tightens up requirements for Japanese nationals wishing to visit ancestral graves on Sakhalin and northern islands off Hokkaido, by insisting on passports with Soviet entry visas, instead of identification cards issued by the GOJ Foreign Ministry as in former years.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 76

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3 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Visits by Japanese nationals to war graves on Habomai and Shikotan in the Soviet-held northern islands come to a halt because of a USSR refusal to back down on a demand that such visitors possess GOJ passports and GSU visas.				X		JQ XXIV, Jan-Mar 77
4 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry announces Japanese families will have to forego visits to ancestral graves in northern islands because of "entirely unjustifiable" demand by USSR that Japanese visitors bear passports with Soviet entry visas.						FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 76
6 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Air Force pilot Viktor I. Belenko flies MiG-25 FOXBAT to Hakodate Airport in Hokkaido and asks for political asylum in the US. USSR files strong protest with Japan asserting that the manner in which GOJ handled the Soviet aircraft was an "unfriendly" act.	X					JQ XXIV, Jan-Mar 77
7 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. JDA officials report increased Soviet air activity in vicinity of Japanese home islands in wake of defection to Japan by Soviet military pilot.				X		FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 76
7 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Miyazawa informs cabinet that Japan must respect wish of Soviet Pilot, who flew to Hakodate with a MiG-25 FOXBAT fighter, to seek political asylum in US. Japanese press states landing of Soviet MiG-25 without notice in Hakodate shows inadequacy of Japanese air defense system. Air Attaches accredited to Japan from four NATO nations request GOJ permission to examine Soviet MiG-25 FOXBAT which landed in Hakodate.		X				FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 76
7 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Unnamed Soviet source, referring to the incident of a Soviet USSR MiG-25 FOXBAT fighter landing at Hakodate, is quoted by a Japanese journalist by saying that "defection is unthinkable" and warning that if the GOJ treats it as such, "it may become an international issue."				X		FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 76
7 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. President of Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidan-ren) Toshiwo Dokko on return from trip to Russia, states in lecture that "gradual improvement of feelings between Japanese and Soviet peoples will be necessary to settle the northern territory issue," and that "the dispute over four Soviet-held islands cannot be settled by an impatient demand for return of the territory, but by constant efforts to promote Japan-Soviet economic cooperation." He concludes that "establishment of friendly relations with the Soviet Union by such efforts will cause the Soviets to return the northern islands to Japan in the near future."				X		FBIS (AP) 9 Sep 76

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8 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Embassy in Tokyo repeats its demand to the GOJ for return of the MiG-25 FOXBAT fighter aircraft that landed at Hakodate Airport and for the surrender to Soviet custody of its defecting pilot.		X					FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 76
9 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry spokesman states USSR lacked "diplomatic etiquette" in demanding return of MiG-25 FOXBAT fighter which landed at Hakodate Airport, by offering no explanation on the incident which violated Japanese territorial airspace. He states the Soviet fighter will be examined and data obtained therefrom may be provided to US, as a Japanese ally. However, he confirms that GOJ and USSR will enter into negotiations for return of the aircraft after its examination is completed and that the defecting Soviet pilot will be permitted to meet with a Soviet Embassy official before departing Japan for the US.		X					FBIS (AP) 9 Sep 76
9 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR lodges strongly worded official protest with GOJ for failing to immediately return to Soviet custody MiG-25 Foxbat aircraft and its pilot. The protest accuses GOJ of fabricating a story that Soviet pilot was seeking asylum in the US and states Russian aircraft simply made emergency landing. It further accuses GOJ of using physical force to restrain pilot and keep him from meeting with Soviet officials, while hinting that a "third country" interfered in the case. GOJ takes note of Soviet request, denies Soviet Pilot is being held against will, and states he has no desire to meet with Soviet Embassy officials.		X					FBIS (AP) 10 Sep 76
10 Sep 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Miki expresses condolences to PRC over death of Chairman Mao Zedong (Mao Tse-tung). He states Mao "left his mark on history as one of the greatest statesmen the world has ever known," and regrets his loss "at this moment when the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty is only a step away."		X					FBIS (AP) 10 Sep 76
10 Sep 76	DPRK/PRC. Leading Japanese dailies report death of PRC Chairman Mao Zedong in banner headlines and mourn him editorially, calling him "a great thinker, revolutionist, and politician" ( <u>Asahi Shimbun</u> ) and "a great leader" ( <u>Mainichi Shimbun</u> and <u>Yomiuri Shimbun</u> ).		X					FBIS (AP) 10 Sep 76
10 Sep 76	VIETNAM/PRC. DPRK President Kim Il Song expresses condolences to PRC over death of Chairman Mao Zedong; calls Mao "a great proletarian revolutionary, one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working class movement and closest comrade-in-arms of the Korean people."		X					VIET NAM COURIER Oct 76
10 Sep 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV conveys condolences to PRC on occasion of Mao Zedong's death and decrees that Vietnamese flags will be flown at half-mast in mourning on 18 September.		X					

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10 Sep 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV leaders express condolences to PRC over death of Chairman Mao Zedong and state demise of Mao "means the loss of a great leader of the Communist Party and the people of China, and the loss of an esteemed friend to the Vietnamese people." They recall Mao's words that "the 700 million Chinese people are a strong backing to the Vietnamese people. The land of China is a reliable rear base of the Vietnamese people," and express gratitude for past assistance and support rendered by PRC.		X				FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 76
11 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Miyazawa travels to Hokkaido for talks with local officials on northern islands dispute with USSR and on Soviet harassment of Japanese fishermen. He makes trip aboard Maritime Safety Agency vessel to view Habomai and Kunashiri Islands, held by USSR since World War II.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 76
12 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Maritime Safety Agency reports Soviet seizure of three Japanese fishing vessels in waters near disputed northern islands, east of Hokkaido, in apparent retaliation for GOJ FM Miyazawa's recent, widely publicized cruise in the area.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 76
12 Sep 76	VIETNAM/PRC. <u>Nhan Dan</u> , official organ of Vietnamese Workers Party, eulogizes deceased PRC Chairman Mao Zedong and pledges to foster the teachings of Ho Chi Minh to preserve friendship between China and Vietnam.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 76
16 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR/PRC. Newly appointed GOJ FM Zenitaro Kosaka expresses determination on taking office to press demand for return of four Soviet-held northern islands to Japan. He declines to comment on defection of Soviet pilot who landed the MiG-25 at Hakodate or on relations between Japan and China, but indicates readiness to resume negotiations for a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty. He further states that the GOJ is still waiting for Chinese response to proposals made by his predecessor, ex-FM Miyazawa to PRC counterpart at UN General Assembly meeting in New York. (During this 1975 meeting, GOJ indicated willingness to accept anti-negemony clause in treaty, provided it was not directed at any specific country or region; did not compel joint GOJ/PRC action, and did not run counter to UN Charter.)	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Sep 76
16 Sep 76	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Vice Premier Le Thanh Nghi receives group of Soviet urban planning experts helping to rebuild Hanoi.					X	FBIS (AP) 20 Sep 76
16 Sep 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet paper <u>Izvestiya</u> condemns "unreasonable and stubborn" US opposition to admission of SRV to the United Nations.	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Sep 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
20 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. General Council of Japanese Trade Unions (Sohyo) calls for immediate halt to disassembly of Soviet MiG-25 which landed at Hakodate Airport and demands return of aircraft to USSR. Sohyo Secretary General Mitsuo Tomizuka states retention of MiG-25 by Japan will impede friendly relations with USSR and diminish chances for return of Soviet-held northern islands. He adds that participation of US specialists in dismantling of aircraft is a derogation of Japanese sovereignty.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Sep 76
21 Sep 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Machine Trade Association announces Japanese machinery exports to PRC declined 28.9 percent from 1975 level to \$39,402,000 on customs clearance basis.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 76
21 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry officially refutes Soviet protest on MiG-25 incident by stressing Soviet pilot sought political asylum in US of own free will and refused to meet with USSR Embassy officials in spite of persuasion by Japanese authorities. The Soviet allegation that third country (US) is meddling in case is rejected by the Foreign Ministry while the GOJ decision to dismantle the aircraft for further study is confirmed.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Sep 76
21 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Leader of Japanese delegation representing Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Masakazu Echigo, states on return from trip to USSR and Eastern Europe that Soviet Union will participate in 1978 Osaka Trade Fair and will increase number of port calls at Osaka by Soviet vessels. He adds that USSR is also eager for Japan to invest surplus foreign exchange in Siberian development.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Sep 76
22 Sep 76	JAPAN/ PRC. Mission of five leading Japanese steelmakers announce visit to Beijing in early October for talks on rolled carbon steel exports to PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 76
22 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR lodges second protest with GOJ concerning incident in which defecting Russian military pilot landed a MiG-25 in Japan. Protest charges GOJ has aggravated relations between the two countries by "forcibly handing over" to the United States the defecting pilot, and that the interview of pilot by Soviet Embassy officials, as finally granted by GOJ, was conducted under "abnormal conditions" with close scrutiny by Japanese police. The protest further maintains that the aircraft is Soviet national property and GOJ right to examine it is "groundless and artificial." It concludes that all GOJ actions with respect to the plane and pilot are unlawful and constitute "unfriendly acts" which will bring "grave consequences" to friendly relations between Japan and the Soviet Union. GOJ Foreign Ministry accepts protest but defers reply.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Sep 76
22 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. PM Takeo Miki states he does not believe GOJ handling of MiG incident will impair basic relations between Japan and the Soviet Union.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Sep 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	
23 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet news agency Tass warns GOJ that dismantling and inspection of MiG-25 fighter that landed at Hakodate Airport "cannot but affect Soviet-Japanese relations most negatively."	X			FBIS (AP) 24 Sep 76
23 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. JCP daily, Akahata, criticizes joint US-Japan examination of Soviet MiG-25 fighter and labels it "nothing but an invocation of the Mutual Security Treaty." It maintains aircraft should be returned to USSR as soon as investigation of circumstances of the intrusion are resolved.	X			FBIS (AP) 24 Sep 76
27 Sep 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki advises Diet lower house that he sees "no difficulty fundamentally" in concluding a peace and friendship treaty with China although treaty might contain controversial clause against hegemony by a third power. Japan wishes, he adds, to conclude such a treaty "as soon as possible".	X			FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 76
27 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Embassy in Tokyo renews demand for prompt return for Soviet Union of fighter flown to Japan by defecting Soviet pilot. Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman states GOJ has already made reply to earlier Soviet note on subject and has nothing to add.	X			FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 76
27 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry and JDA clash over return of MiG-25 fighter to USSR. Foreign Ministry favors early return to prevent further deterioration of Japanese-Soviet relations while JDA seeks lengthy, thorough inspection of aircraft to determine how it was able to penetrate Japanese early-warning system.	X			FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 76
28 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GSU Foreign Ministry holds press conference on MiG-25 incident in Moscow, with defecting Soviet pilot's wife and mother in attendance. Spokesman labels defection of pilot an "outright lie" and accuses GOJ of hindering meeting between pilot and Soviet Embassy officials. He also denounces US for its role in the incident. GOJ Foreign Ministry states again that defection of pilot was a voluntary act, that no violence was involved, and that GOJ arranged appointment with Soviet Embassy officials contrary to the pilot's wishes.	X			FBIS (AP) 29 Sep 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
28 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Zentaro Kosaka meets with Soviet FM Andrey Gromyko in New York as severe confrontation develops over MiG-25 incident. Kosaka states GOJ wants to return MiG-25 fighter to USSR and proposes negotiations through diplomatic channels for this purpose, adding that GOJ wishes to resolve issue without damage to friendly Russo-Japanese relations. He also raises other bilateral matters including northern territorial issue, Japanese fishing operations in northern Pacific, visits to Japanese ancestral graves in Soviet Far East, and visit to Japan by CPSU General Secretary Brezhnev. Gromyko expresses dissatisfaction over Japanese handling of MiG incident and states aircraft should be returned immediately. He states Brezhnev visit to Japan cannot be considered at present time and hints at more stringent application of Soviet fishing rules in northern Pacific. Although he agrees with GOJ PM on desirability of concluding a peace treaty, he refuses to link such a treaty with return of northern islands.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Sep 76
28 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet sources state USSR may reconsider economic cooperation with Japan if GOJ maintains "unfriendly attitude" <sup>1</sup> regarding MiG-25 incident.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 76
28 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and Soviet Union sign agreements in Tokyo on whaling quotas in the southern hemisphere and northern Pacific for approaching whaling season.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Sep 76
28 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR releases one crewman from each of three Japanese fishing boats previously apprehended by Soviet authorities.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Sep 76
29 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry officials anticipate strained relations between Japan and Soviet Union will continue for some time in view of Moscow's strong demand for return of MiG-25 fighter flown to Hakodate by defecting Soviet pilot. Officials note USSR view that aircraft made emergency landing at Hakodate, while GOJ considers incident a violation of Japanese territorial airspace.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Sep 76
29 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry informs Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo that GOJ has cut short the time needed for examination of MiG-25 fighter and is ready to return aircraft to USSR. Soviet Ambassador responds that GOJ dismissal of repeated USSR requests for return of the aircraft will continue to be viewed as acts unfriendly to the Soviet Union.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Sep 76
29 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Repatriated skipper of Japanese fishing boat states his vessel was outside territorial waters of USSR when seized by Soviet patrol boat.			X		FBIS (AP) 30 Sep 76
30 Sep 76	JAPAN/PRC. <u>Financial Times</u> of London reports that mission by Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade is invited to Beijing for talks on steel remaining to be imported from Japan under a 1976 contract.			X		CHINA QUARTERLY Dec 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
30 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Maritime Safety Agency states that missing Japanese fishing boat is believed to have been seized by Soviet patrol vessel off Shikotan Island, east of Hokkaido. Japanese press reports 27 Japanese fishing boats seized by USSR this year, compared with 16 during same period in 1975.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Sep 76
30 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry delivers letter to Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, refuting allegation that defecting Soviet pilot who flew to Japan in a MiG fighter was mistreated and taken to the US against his will. Two accompanying written statements by pilot himself asserting he has no wish to meet with Soviet diplomats or return to USSR, but wishes to emigrate to US, are refused delivery by Soviet envoy.	X				FBIS(USSR) 30 Sep 76
30 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry spokesman tells press Japanese handling of MiG-25 incident is proper and not likely to hamper bilateral relations between Tokyo and Moscow. He claims incident was infringement of Japanese security and GOJ needs to examine aircraft to "find out the background" of the matter. Although GOJ is worried by strongly worded Soviet protests, he adds that Japan will do its best to make USSR understand the GOJ position and will return MiG to Soviet Union at earliest possible moment.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Oct 76
30 Sep 76	JAPAN/USSR. Hokkaido Electric Power Co. and 21 other Japanese interests form new firm to begin importing natural gas in 1981 from continental shelf of Soviet Sakhalin Island.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Oct 76
1 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry lodges protest against PRC nuclear test and calls on PRC to cease all tests immediately. GOJ further reminds PRC that Japan will reserve right to seek Chinese compensation if Japanese citizens suffer injury or loss.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Oct 76
1 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ 1976 <u>Blue Book</u> on <u>Diplomacy</u> states Japan should spare no effort in achieving regional cooperation, particularly with respect to the promotion of stabilized relations between China and the Soviet Union.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Oct 76
1 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Miki harshly criticizes USSR for attacking Japan over MiG-25 incident when a Soviet apology for violating Japanese airspace would have been more in order.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Oct 76
2 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet patrol craft seizes two Japanese fishing boats off Soviet-held Kunashir Island, east of Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Oct 76
2 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR begin talks on return of MiG-25 flown to Japan by defecting Soviet pilot. GOJ states it is ready to transfer aircraft to Soviet custody after 15 October.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Oct 76 JQ XXIV, Jan-Mar 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
4 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Zentaro Kosaka meets with PRC counterpart Jiao Guanhua (Chiao Kuan-hua) in New York and they agree to make efforts for early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty. Kosaka states that meeting helped dispel mutual distrust while China voices no objection to early conclusion of treaty but avoids commitment on invitation to visit Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Oct 76
4 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. Secretary General of Import Federation of Chinese Petroleum into Japan, Taro Kuga, reports Japanese oil imports from China in August rose 51 percent over previous month to reach record high for the year. He predicts trend will probably continue to end of 1976 because Japanese oil demand usually rises during last quarter of the year.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Oct 76
6 Oct 76	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR grants 550,000 rubles to SRV for purchase of moviemaking equipment and establishment of film-dubbing center.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Oct 76
7 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. Bank of Tokyo mission announces it will depart for China on 11 October to discuss Sino-Japanese financial problems.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Oct 76
7 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Embassy in Moscow lodges protest over USSR seizure of Japanese fishing boat in international waters.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Oct 76
7 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese fishermen of Kushiro (Hokkaido) suspect Soviet fishing fleet of causing heavy damage to their nets and fishing gear close to Japanese territorial waters.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Oct 76
8 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Director General of PM's office, Shoji Nishimura, states GOJ will step up drive for return of Soviet-held islands off Hokkaido and notes that all 47 prefectures of Japan support GOJ's long-standing territorial claim to northern islands. He hints GOJ may promote popular movement for their return to Japanese control.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Oct 76
8 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Zentaro Kosaka tells Diet House of Councillors committee meeting that a unanimous Diet resolution calling for restoration of Soviet-held northern islands would buttress GOJ position in negotiations on territorial issue with the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Oct 76
8 Oct 76	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. SRV Premier Pham Van Dong states in interview with Italian newspaper that the USSR, the PRC, and Czechoslovakia have written off debts incurred by Vietnam during war against the US and now continue to help SRV.	X				FBIS (AP) 15 Oct 76
8 Oct 76	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sign protocol in Moscow for radio and television cooperation between the two countries during 1977-78.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Nov 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	
		Mil	Cul		
9 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR declares willingness to discuss return of MiG-25 fighter with GOJ.	X			FBIS (AP) 12 Oct 76
9 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. JCP daily <u>Akahata</u> editorial urges quick return of MiG-25 to USSR.	X			FBIS (AP) 21 Oct 76
13 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. Hitachi Ltd. of Japan receives order from PRC for sale of two computers, equivalent to latest US models, for installation in Beijing's Central Meteorological Bureau.	X			FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 76
13 Oct 76	ROK/USSR. ROK FM Pak Tong Chin states that hope is in sight for repatriation of Korean nationals living on Soviet-held Sakhalin Island as result of recent discernible change in USSR attitude, following ROK-USSR negotiations with GOJ as intermediary.	X			FBIS (AP) 14 Oct 76
14 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. Nippon Steel Corp. of Japan and four other leading Japanese steel manufacturers expect to dispatch working-level mission to Beijing for steel export talks with PRC.	X			FBIS (AP) 15 Oct 76
14 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC National Metal and Minerals Import-Export Corporation offers to buy 200,000 metric tons of rolled steel from Japan for immediate delivery and cash payment.	X			FBIS (AP) 15 Oct 76
14 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR agrees to take custody of MiG-25 fighter, flown to Japan by defecting Soviet pilot, at Hitachi port, Ibaraki Prefecture, and does not respond to GOJ demand for compensation to repay damages caused by aircraft in landing at Hakodate Airport.	X			FBIS (AP) 14 Oct 76
14 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR announces that Japanese fishing boat seized off Etorofu Island, east of Hokkaido, on 30 September, was released the same day after payment of 250 ruble fine.	X			FBIS (AP) 15 Oct 76
15 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ returns to the USSR custody of MiG-25 flown to Hokkaido by a defecting Soviet pilot in September.	X			FEER YEARBOOK 1977
15 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Samani Fishing Cooperation of Japan calls off fishing operations near Hidaka, eastern Hokkaido, because of damage to Japanese fishing nets and gears caused by Soviet trawlers in area.	X			FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 76
16 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Foreign Ministry notifies GOJ Embassy in Moscow that USSR will release seven crewmen captured when Japanese fishing boats were seized in Kurile Islands in August and September.	X			FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	Cul	
16 Oct 76	ROK/USSR. ROK FM Pak Tong Chin, testifying before National Assembly, states need is recognized for a pact with USSR to secure ROK fishing rights in northern Pacific but he sees little likelihood that Moscow will be interested in concluding such an agreement.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 76
17 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Embassy in Moscow requests USSR to cancel one of its scheduled meteorological launchings in Pacific on grounds rocket path passes too close to a commercial international air route.						FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 76
18 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet patrol vessel detains and tows Japanese fishing boat to Soviet-held Shikotan Island, east of Hokkaido.		X				FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 76
18 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Union cancels plan to import pipe and plate steel manufacturing plants from Nippon Steel Corporation of Japan and calls off negotiations with leading Japanese steelmakers on a 5-year contract to import 300,000 tons of plate steel annually.		X				FBIS (AP) 19 Oct 76
19 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR, through its embassy in Tokyo, declines proposed exchange of messages with Japan marking 20th anniversary of joint GSU/GOJ declaration of 19 October 1956 ending state of war which had existed between the two countries.		X				FBIS (AP) 20 Oct 76
19 Oct 76	DPRK/USSR. USSR fisheries delegation arrives in Pyongyang for meeting of Joint Korean-Soviet Fisheries Committee.		X				FBIS (AP) 20 Oct 76
19 Oct 76	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. International passenger train conference opens in Hanoi with railway delegations from Vietnam, the Soviet Union, China, Korea, and Mongolia in attendance.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Jan 77
20 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR cancels weather rocket launching in central Pacific at GOJ request because of flights over area by Japanese commercial aircraft.		X				FBIS (AP) 20 Oct 76
20 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Japan Dmitry Polyanskiy, in speech to Diet Members League for Japanese-Soviet Friendship, states that forces in Japan and third countries trying to block friendly relations between Japan and USSR must be stopped. He adds that the Kremlin has made an all-out effort to strengthen neighborly relations with Japan in the 20 years since establishment of diplomatic relations but makes no mention of MiG-25 incident.		X				FBIS (AP) 21 Oct 76
21 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. Tsuchiya Manufacturing Co. and other Japanese firms sign contract with USSR for export of automobile filter manufacturing plant worth ¥3 billion.			X			FBIS (AP) 22 Oct 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	
22 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. Financial Times of London reports delegation of Japanese steel makers has returned to Japan after 2 weeks of negotiations in Beijing, having secured an agreement for the import into China of 1.3-1.5 million tons of steel for the second half of the year.		X			CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 77
22 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. PRC National Chemicals Import and Export Corporation and Japanese Urea and Sulphate Industry Association are expected to hold talks in November on fertilizer trade between China and Japan during 1976-77.					FBIS (AP) 22 Oct 76
22 Oct 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation from the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions of USSR arrives in Hanoi for visit at invitation of Vietnamese Federation of Trade Unions.			X		FBIS (AP) 28 Oct 76
23 Oct 76	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC renders assistance to SRV for extension and renovation of Viet Tri Chemical Works, northwest of Hanoi.		X			FBIS (AP) 28 Oct 76
24 Oct 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK President Kim Il Song sends congratulatory message to PRC Premier Hua Guofeng on latter's selection for post of Chairman, CCP Central Committee.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Oct 76
25 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki sends congratulatory message to PRC Premier Hua Guofeng on latter's selection for post of Chairman, CCP Central Committee.		X			DTA (MNL) 7-13 Aug 78
25 Oct 76	JAPAN/PRC. Submarine telecommunications cable linking Japan and China opens for service.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Oct 76
25 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR returns to Japan 10 Japanese crewmen rescued from sinking fishing boats earlier in October.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Oct 76
25 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry announces Soviet experts will be permitted to inspect MiG-25 fighter before it is returned to USSR.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Jan 77
25 Oct 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV party and government leaders send congratulatory messages to Hua Guofeng on his appointment as chairman of the CCP Central Committee.		X			JQ XXIV, Jan-Mar 77
26 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. CPSU Chief Leonid Brezhnev, in speech at a Central Executive Committee meeting in Moscow, denounces Japan for its action in dismantling and examining, with US cooperation, the MiG-25 FOXBAT flown to Japan by a defecting Soviet Pilot in September.		X			
26 Oct 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC officials in Pyongyang celebrate 26th anniversary of Chinese People's Volunteers entry into the Korean War.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Oct 76

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28 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR postpones 7th joint session of Japanese-Soviet Economic Committee slated to discuss bilateral economic cooperation and specific Japanese measures to assist Soviet development projects in Siberia, on grounds that "prevailing climate in bilateral relations does not suit a meeting to discuss problems of mutual interest." GOJ Foreign Ministry interprets Soviet gesture as indication of displeasure over MiG-25 incident.		X				FBIS (AP) 29 Oct 76	
28 Oct 76	DPRK/USSR. Korean Workers Party delegation departs Pyongyang for goodwill visit to USSR.	X					FBIS (AP) 29 Oct 76	
30 Oct 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR indicates willingness to open talks regarding import of steel from Japan. Negotiations are expected to begin in late November with visit of Soviet iron and steel mission, and lead to orders for around 1 million tons of large-diameter steel tubing for Soviet development plan projects.		X				FBIS (AP) 1 Nov 76	
1 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japan vetoes proposal, made by CPSU leader Brezhnev during Keidanren delegation Moscow visit in August, that Japan extend blanket bank credit to USSR over period of 10-15 years at annual interest rate of around 5.5 percent. Sources disclose that GOJ rejection is based on Soviet cancellation of 7th joint session of Japanese-Soviet Economic Committee meeting as result of MiG incident, and on consideration that large amount of credits totalling nearly 20 percent of all Japanese EXIM Bank loans, have already been extended to Soviet Union.	X					FBIS (AP) 2 Nov 76	
1 Nov 76	ROK/PRC. Private South Korean economic research institute urges search for ways to open indirect trade relations with PRC through Hong Kong or Singapore.		X				FBIS (AP) 4 Nov 76	
2 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Vietnam Peace Committee delegation headed by Phan Anh, Chairman of the Presidium of the Committee, leaves Hanoi for a friendship visit to the Soviet Union.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Jan 77	
3 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steel industry sources announce steel export contracts with PRC for delivery in second half of 1976 total 1.3 million tons (down 0.2 million tons from amount expected) and that steel export figures to PRC for first half of 1976 amounted to 650,000 tons or one-third the quantity for the 6 months preceding. Overall decline is attributed to political upheavals in China.	X					FBIS (AP) 5 Nov 76	

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3 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR-Vietnam Friendship Association delegation arrives in Hanoi to celebrate 59th anniversary of Russian October Revolution on 7 November.	X					FBIS (AP) 5 Nov 76
3 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet journalists delegation visits Ho Chi Minh City.		X				FBIS (AP) 4 Nov 76
5 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Machine tool factory built with Soviet assistance is inaugurated in Hanoi.		X				FBIS (AP) 10 Nov 76
6 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese affiliate of Nissan Motor Co. begins export to USSR of equipment worth \$3 billion for manufacture of automobile parts.		X				FBIS (AP) 10 Nov 76
7 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the State Committee for Book Publishing, Printing and Distribution from USSR Council of Ministers arrives in Hanoi for visit at invitation of SRV Ministry of Culture and is expected to sign cooperation agreement with SRV on book publishing, printing, and distribution.		X				FBIS (AP) 9 Nov 76
8 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Zentaro Kosaka instructs GOJ ambassador to Beijing to make "energetic efforts" to promote conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.		X				FBIS (AP) 9 Nov 76
9 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry announces MiG-25 fighter flown to Japan by defecting Soviet pilot will be returned to USSR in mid-November.		X				FBIS (AP) 10 Nov 76
10 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. <u>Guardian</u> (London) reports that the Japanese Ambassador to Beijing told reporters that in his view the purge of the "gang of four" created a favorable climate for improving Sino-Japanese economic ties and for concluding a peace and friendship treaty.		X				CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 77
10 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of Soviet insurance officials visits Vietnam and is received by SRV Minister of Finance.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Nov 76
12 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ decides to support Hitachi Company's sale of large computers to the PRC by requesting CoCom (Organization of NATO nations and Japan formed for the purpose of restricting strategic material exports to Communist states) to lift embargo on data-processing equipment.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Nov 76
12 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Miki and FM Zentaro Kosaka agree to press forward on negotiations with PRC for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty that would, if necessary, include a PRC-sponsored anti-hegemony clause.		X				FBIS (AP) 19 Nov 76
12 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. Dismantled MiG-25 FOXBAT flown to Japan by a defecting Soviet pilot is returned to the USSR.		X				JQ XXIV, Jan-Mar 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
13 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. JCP demands that GOJ declare a 12-mile limit on territorial waters and implement the Japanese-Soviet Fishery Agreement of 1975. Compensation is also demanded for Soviet damage to Japanese fishing equipment and a letter is sent to Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, requesting USSR compliance with Japanese-Soviet Fishery Agreement.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Nov 76
17 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. President of Hitachi Shipbuilding Co. Takao Nagata, on return from China trip, quotes PRC Vice Premier Sun Jian (Sun Chien) that China wants to conclude a peace and friendship treaty with Japan as soon as possible, but that it will not budge as far as the hegemony clause is concerned. He adds, however, that no notable changes are foreseen in Sino-Japanese economic relations.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Nov 76
17 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Wang Yaoding (Wang Yao-ting), commenting on Sino-Japanese commercial relations, tells Japanese journalist that Chinese crude oil exports to Japan may expand to annual rate of 15 million tons within next 5 years if Japan completes receiving arrangements, but that deliveries will be at OPEC prices. He adds that there is no possibility of beginning exports of coal to Japan for iron and steelmaking within the next year or two, but possibilities are greater for the longer term.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Nov 76
17 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. USSR announces release of Japanese fishing boat and crewman seized in waters near Soviet-North Korean border on 25 September.	X				FBIS (AP) 18 Nov 76
18 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. President of Hitachi Shipbuilding Co. Takao Nagata states, on return from China, that PRC has great interest in Japanese shipbuilding techniques and has agreed to begin cooperation with Japan in this field.	X				FBIS (AP) 18 Nov 76
19 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. Kawasaki Heavy Industries of Japan receives order from PRC for 20 shovel loaders worth total of ¥2 billion to be delivered in December.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Nov 76
20 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. SVR Workers Party Central Committee Secretary Xuan Thuy receives visiting delegation of USSR-Vietnam Friendship Society.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Nov 76
21 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. SVR Vice Premier Do Muoi departs Hanoi for USSR visit at invitation of Soviet Government.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Nov 76
22 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese business leaders close following deals with PRC in course of recently concluded Guangzhou (Canton) Trade Fair: import from China of frozen fish and shellfish worth about ¥5 billion; export to China of 13,000 metric tons of steel wire rope and ¥1.3 billion worth of chemical products.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Nov 76

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
22 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Miki announces intent to hold talks with USSR on various bilateral issues, including territorial dispute over northern islands, Japanese fishing operations in the northern Pacific, and Japanese cooperation in Soviet development projects in Siberia.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Nov 76
22 Nov 76	DPRK/USSR. Delegation of DPRK Metal Industry Association departs for USSR to attend convention of metallurgical associations from socialist countries.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 76
23 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. JCP announces plans to dispatch a mission to USSR in December to put an end to strained relations with CPSU that have lasted for more than a decade over policy differences.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Nov 76 JQ XXIV, Jan-Mar 77
24 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Japanese writers departs for visit to PRC under sponsorship of Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Dec 76
24 Nov 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Intourist delegation visits SRV and signs agreement regarding dispatch of Russian tourists to Vietnam in 1977 and general tourist exchanges between USSR and SRV.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Nov 76
25 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Zentaro Kosaka says Japan is eager to conclude a peace treaty with China at the earliest possible date.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1978
25 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry issues statement regretting China's hydrogen bomb test earlier in the month and strongly encouraging PRC to refrain from further nuclear tests.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Nov 76
28 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry and media sources suspect that PRC is not ready for peace and friendship treaty with Japan because it has failed to respond to GOJ FM Kosaka's letter, addressed to Chairman of China-Japan Friendship Association, proposing resumption of negotiations.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Dec 76
28 Nov 76	JAPAN/USSR. JSP announces party delegation will visit Moscow at invitation of CPSU, probably after party convention in February 1977, and will seek improvement in Soviet-Japanese relations through discussion of issues such as territorial dispute over northern islands, conclusion of a bilateral peace treaty, and increased cooperation between JSP and CPSU.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Nov 76
29 Nov 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers announce PRC will import an extra 300,000 to 400,000 tons of steel products from Japan in addition to import orders of 1.25 million tons for second half of FY 76 (ending 1 March 1977).	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Nov 76

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1 Dec 76	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Zentaro Kosaka expresses desire in campaign speech to visit China after Japanese general elections, 5 December, to negotiate a peace and friendship treaty with PRC.	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Dec 76
1 Dec 76	ROK/PRC. ROK Minister of Information and Culture Kim Song Chin announces South Korean government will invite domestic and international scholars, including some from PRC, to view and study archaeological treasures recently discovered in a rare underwater find off the Korean coast.			X			FBIS (AP) 2 Dec 76
5 Dec 76	VIETNAM/USSR. Construction of SRV Scientific Research and Application Center, built with Soviet aid in Hanoi, approaches completion.	X					FBIS (AP) 16 Dec 76
6 Dec 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Vice Premier Do Muoi stops in PRC for visit after trip to USSR and is received in Beijing by Premier Hua Guofeng.	X					FBIS (AP) 7 Dec 76
7 Dec 76	DPRK/PRC. Delegation of DPRK Academy of Sciences departs for visit to PRC.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 76
8 Dec 76	DPRK/PRC. Delegation of CCP officials from Xizhang (Tibet) and Sichuan (Szechwan) Provinces arrive in Pyongyang for goodwill visit at invitation of Korean Workers Party Central Committee.	X	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 76
10 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ reacts with shock to Soviet declaration of an exclusive fishing and economic zone extending 200 miles from the Russian coastline and stipulation that all foreign fishery activities within this zone be governed by agreements or treaties with the USSR.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Dec 76
10 Dec 76	DPRK/PRC. Between 12 and 15 North Korean diplomats are asked to leave the Soviet Union a few days before their colleagues are asked to leave Scandinavian countries for smuggling and blackmarket activities.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1978
10 Dec 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV complete construction of book-printing plant with PRC assistance.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Jan 77
11 Dec 76	ROK/USSR. ROK news sources fear USSR declaration of 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone around Russian coastline will sharply restrict South Korean fishing industry in northern Pacific off Kamchatka Peninsula, and that fishing issue will not be susceptible to negotiation because of absence of diplomatic ties between ROK and USSR.			X			FBIS (AP) 13 Dec 76
11 Dec 76	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR donates to Vietnam seventy 50-horsepower tractors which SRV Ministry of Agriculture allocates to Kien Giang Agricultural Service.	X					FBIS (AP) 15 Dec 76

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12 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ states that it will protest the Soviet Union's adoption of a 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1978
12 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. JCP organ Alkhatata observes, as USSR declares 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone, that of Japan's 10 million ton annual fish catch, 4.5 million tons are from deep sea fishing, 1.8 million tons from Soviet coastal waters, and 1.6 million tons from US and Canadian coastal waters.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 76
12 Dec 76	VIETNAM/USSR. CPSU delegation arrives in SRV at invitation of Vietnam Workers Party Central Committee to attend fourth party congress in Hanoi.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Dec 76
14 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Ambassador to Moscow Akira Shigemetsu reveals GOJ has asked USSR to exert efforts for early signing of Japanese-Soviet trade and payments agreement.		X			FBIS (AP) 15 Dec 76
14 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ advises USSR it would welcome proposed visit to Japan of Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Nikolay Patolichev after turn of the year, both for purpose of renewing 5-year Japanese-Soviet agreement on trade and payments, and as symbol of improved bilateral relations.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 76
14 Dec 76	ROK/USSR. ROK Government sources announce South Korea will attempt direct contact with Soviet Union to negotiate ROK fishing rights within waters of the newly declared Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 76
15 Dec 76	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. PRC official Tan Zhenlin (Tan Chen-lin), Vice Chairman of NPC Standing Committee, lectures visiting Japanese delegation that USSR intends to control the world and will seize Hokkaido in addition to the four northern islands it now holds in the southern Kuriles. If Japan does not offer resistance.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 76
15 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ announces intent to file note with USSR expressing deep concern over Soviet declaration of 200-mile offshore exclusive fishing and economic zone.	X				FBIS (AP) 15 Dec 76
15 Dec 76	ROK/USSR. ROK Director of Fisheries Sin Tae Tong asks Korean fishing fleets in vicinity of Kamchatka Peninsula to continue operations in area, despite Soviet declaration of 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone, until notification is given by USSR of specific localities affected by proclamation.	X				FBIS (AP) 15 Dec 76
17 Dec 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK trade delegation departs for trip to PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Dec 76

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20 Dec 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Association of Economy and Trade, a private organization promoting bilateral economic exchanges, announces it will dispatch delegation to PRC in February 1977 to hold talks for concluding agreement on long-term purchases of Chinese crude oil.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 76
20 Dec 76	JAPAN/PRC. Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan announces receipt of ¥7 billion order from PRC for one of world's largest transfer forging presses.		X			FBIS (AP) 28 Dec 76
20 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. JCP and CPSU agree to postpone until early 1977 preparatory meeting to pave way for normalizing relations between two parties.		X			FBIS (AP) 20 Dec 76
20 Dec 76	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC Academies of Science sign plan for bilateral scientific cooperation in 1977-78.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Dec 76
21 Dec 76	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Chairman Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-feng) sends personal greetings to Le Duan on his election as secretary general of the Vietnam Communist Party.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 77
22 Dec 76	JAPAN/PRC. Mariuchi Steel Tube Works of Japan receives PRC order for 40,000 tons of plumbing and structural steel pipe.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Dec 76
23 Dec 76	ROK/PRC. ROK freighter rescues shipwrecked PRC fisherman near Taiwan.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Dec 76
23 Dec 76	ROK/USSR. Unofficial sources disclose ROK is considering dispatch of "civilian delegation" to USSR for negotiation of Korean fishing rights in the vicinity of Kamchatka Peninsula, within USSR's declared 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Dec 76
24 Dec 76	DPRK/PRC. Chinese delegation arrives in Pyongyang for meeting of DPRK/PRC Yalu River Hydroelectric Power Corporation.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 76
27 Dec 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese trade sources announce that 1976 two-way trade between Japan and China will amount to about \$3 billion (down from \$3,789.5 billion in 1975).		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 76
27 Dec 76	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese man-made fiber companies announce contract to supply PRC with average of 4,600 to 4,700 metric tons of polyester staple a month for first half of 1977.		X			FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 76
27 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ newly appointed FM Ichiro Hatoyama promises major effort to settle territorial dispute over northern islands with USSR, saying Japanese fishermen in Hokkaido have suffered greatly from Soviet occupation of the islands since the end of World War II.		X			FBIS (AP) 27 Dec 76

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27 Dec 76	ROK/USSR. ROK awaits reply from USSR, after conveying willingness through third country, to hold dialogue in any form with Moscow to ensure continued South Korean fishing operations in the 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone proclaimed by the Soviet Union around its coastal waters.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 76
28 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Government leaders fail to reach agreement on FM Hatoyama trip to USSR, fearing such a trip might irritate PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 76
29 Dec 76	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Ichiro Hatoyama cancels plans to visit Moscow for Japanese-Soviet ministerial talks originally agreed to by previous GOJ administration and the GSU. Delay is attributed by observers to disinclination of FM to be absent when Diet is in session and to strained relations between GOJ and GSU caused by MiG incident.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Dec 76
31 Dec 76	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV inaugurates new medical and laboratory glassware factory built with PRC assistance in Hai Hung.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jan 77

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4 Jan 77	DPRK/PRC. Delegation of DPRK Ministry of Building Materials Industry departs Pyongyang for PRC visit.			X		FBIS (AP) 10 Jan 77
5 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Association on Economy and Trade announces intent to dispatch top-level mission of about 20 executives of major Japanese manufacturing, trading, and banking firms to Beijing, to study ways to prop up faltering Japan-China trade.			X		FBIS (AP) 5 Jan 77
7 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. Komeito Party Chairman Yoshikatsu Takeiri announces intent to visit China in February at PRC invitation for talks on promotion of Japanese-Chinese friendship.			X		FBIS (AP) 7 Jan 77
10 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Ambassador to Moscow Akira Shigemitsu returns home for consultations to adjust GOJ diplomatic policy towards USSR in wake of formation of Fukuda cabinet.			X		FBIS (AP) 11 Jan 77
11 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. Officials of the China-Japan Friendship Association in Beijing convey to visiting GOJ Diet member Seiichi Tagawa the PRC position regarding conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty. The Chinese point out that Japan must clearly recognize the need for a hegemony clause without any conditions. Tagawa receives the impression that the PRC is watching actions of Fukuda cabinet, with respect to resumption of negotiations and will launch no initiatives until Japan makes the first move.			X		FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 77
11 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Transportation Corporation informs its 12 freight agents in Japan that beginning 1 April, charges on Japanese cargoes carried on the Trans-Siberian Railways will increase by an average of 12.5 percent for European-bound goods and by 40 percent for Middle East-bound Goods. It also stipulates that the ratio between European and Middle East cargoes must be maintained at seven to three. Japanese freight agents announce intention to immediately send representatives to USSR for further discussions on freight charges, agency commissions, and restrictions on Middle East cargoes.			X		FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 77
11 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet fishery delegation will visit Japan in late January at invitation of the Japan Fisheries Association.			X		FBIS (AP) 27 Jan 77
12 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. At a banquet in Beijing Liao Zhengzhi (Liao Cheng-chih), President of the China-Japan Friendship Association, tells Kerizo Kono, Speaker of the GOJ Diet House of Councillors, that China, with respect to an anti-hegemony clause in a Sino-Japanese treaty, insists that advances be made on the basis of the 1972 joint statement that "would absolutely allow no backsliding."			X		CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
12 Jan 77	DPRK/USSR. DPRK delegation departs Pyongyang for Moscow to attend World Forum of Peace Forces.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Jan 77
13 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Government organ, <u>People's Daily</u> , announces China is ready to continue its policy of promoting better relations with Japan under Chairman Hua Guofeng's (Hua Kuo-feng) leadership.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Jan 77
13 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. JCP organ <u>Akahata</u> urges GOJ to declare 12-mile limit to territorial waters to afford some protection to Japanese fishermen from intrusions by large Soviet fishing fleets.		X			FBIS (AP) 25 Jan 77
14 Jan 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV delegation attends World Forum of Peace Forces in Moscow.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Jan 77
16 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. President of GOJ Diet House of Councillors, Kenzo Kono, states at press interview that conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty with PRC will be possible under the new Fukuda cabinet. He adds that while in Beijing he conveyed to PRC leaders that PM Fukuda is actively striving for Sino-Japanese friendship and that GOJ is softening its opposition to insertion of an anti-hegemony clause in the proposed treaty.		X			FBIS (AP) 27 Jan 77
16 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese delegation to World Forum of Peace Forces in Moscow expresses reservation over Forum communique that detente (as carried out by the Soviet Union) is "sole and supreme road to peace."		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Jan 77
17 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese Association for Promotion of International Trade and nine affiliated organizations dispatch joint mission to PRC for talks on promotion of bilateral trade.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Jan 77
17 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Diet member Seiichi Tagawa, on return from private trip to Beijing, states PRC has no prejudices about the newly appointed Fukuda cabinet, and that neither PRC foreign policy nor its views about concluding a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty have altered as a result of recent political upheavals in China.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 77
18 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs resumes friendly relations with Soviet Peace Committee in Moscow after lapse of 14 years.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 77

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19 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. Komeito Party delegation, led by Chairman Yoshikatsu Takeiri, departs for China visit with last-minute instructions from PM Takeo Fukuda that GOJ will not necessarily waive four-point anti-hegemony principle originally proposed by ex-FM Kiichi Miyazawa as GOJ terms for concluding a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 77
19 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet fishery mission arrives in Tokyo for 10-day visit at invitation of Japanese Fisheries Association. GOJ and Japanese fishing industry officials hope to probe visitors on Soviet plans to enforce newly declared 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone in coastal waters off USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jan 77
19 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. JCP and CPSU officials hold talks in Moscow to normalize relations between the two parties, strained as the result of Soviet support for "Nihon No Koe" (Voice of Japan), JCP splinter group.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Jan 77
21 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese press sources report "much progress" in reconciliation talks between JCP and CPSU in Moscow.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jan 77
21 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Editorial in Tokyo <u>Sankai Shimbun</u> urges GOJ to uphold four principles of ex-FM Miyazawa with respect to the anti-hegemony issue in the proposed Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty. The four principles state that if a anti-hegemony clause is included it must: (1) not be directed against third party, (2) not prescribe joint action by China and Japan, (3) not apply only to Asia and Pacific region, (4) not be at variance with UN Charter.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jan 77
22 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. President of the GOJ Diet House of Councillors, Kenzo Kono, states at airport press conference on return from trip to China, Iran, and India, that a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty should be signed as soon as possible. He adds that PRC fully understands GOJ position concerning insertion of a controversial anti-hegemony clause.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jan 77
22 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Komeito Party Chairman Yoshikatsu Takeiri meets with PRC Chairman Hua Guofeng during Beijing visit. He later reports at press conference that breakthrough in stalled negotiations for Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty is foreseeable but will depend on new cabinet of GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda. It is reported that Chairman Hua, during his meeting with Takeiri, equated Fukuda's delay in concluding the treaty to actively resisting the improvement of Sino-Japanese relations.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jan 77

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23 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Leaders of three Japanese socialist-affiliated organizations (Japan-Soviet Trade Association, Japan-Soviet Friendship Society, Overseas Cultural Association) visit Moscow to discuss economic and cultural matters with Soviet officials prior to USSR trip of JSP delegation in March.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Jan 77
24 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ responds with caution to PRC Chairman Hua Guofeng statement to Komeito Party Chairman Yoshikatsu Takeiri in Beijing, urging GOJ to make up its mind on inclusion of a controversial anti-hegemony clause in a proposed Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty, and accusing GOJ of being responsible for stalemate in treaty negotiations.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jan 77
24 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Ambassador to Moscow, Akira Shigemitsu, declares that USSR has not changed its policy of discussing only the return of two of the four disputed islands off eastern Hokaido to Japan. The statement contradicts earlier GOJ understanding that USSR was prepared to negotiate return of all four islands to Japan. Shigemitsu, however, claims the Soviet position to be an old one that has not changed in 22 years.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Jan 77
25 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Ambassador to Moscow, Akira Shigemitsu, discloses at meeting with GOJ Minister of Agriculture and Forestry that USSR is expected to make its 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone a matter of discussion during forthcoming Japanese-Soviet fishery talks in March.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Jan 77
26 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. Nippon Steel Corporation and other Japanese steelmakers receive Soviet order for 7,000 metric tons of steel plates for disk wheels.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Feb 77
26 Jan 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV President Ton Duc Thanh sends message of congratulations to fourth nation wide congress of USSR-Vietnam Friendship Society in Soviet Union, citing "relations of solidarity, mutual support and assistance between the two peoples of the Soviet Union and Vietnam."	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Jan 77
27 Jan 77	JAPAN/PRC. Komeito Party Chairman Yoshikatsu Takeiri reports to GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda on trip to Beijing and urges him to step up negotiations on Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship. He explains that what matters to PRC is not fulfillment of its demand for an expression of joint opposition to hegemony in the proposed treaty, but rather a sincere Japanese desire to improve Japan-China relations. He relates that PRC Chairman Hua Guofeng is not fully convinced that new GOJ cabinet has made firm commitment on treaty and on better bilateral relations. In return, Takeiri receives noncommittal reply from PM who expresses an understanding of Chinese thinking on the treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Jan 77

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27 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ annual fishery production report notes 1976 Japanese fish catch to have been 1.41 million tons from the United States (down 170,000 tons from the previous year) and 1.396 million tons from the Soviet Union (down 230,000 tons from the previous year).		X			FBIS (AP) 28 Jan 77
27 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ declares territorial sea limit will be extended from current three miles to 12 miles. Japanese fishery officials express concern over GOJ move and fear it may harden Moscow's attitude regarding its own recently declared 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone. Officials expect tough bargaining at Japanese-Soviet fishery talks opening in March.		X			FBIS (AP) 28 Jan 77
30 Jan 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR proposes cooperation with Japan on Antarctic whaling, including the creation of joint whaling firm.		X			FBIS (AP) 1 Feb 77
1 Feb 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC raises price of crude oil to Japan to \$13.50 per barrel, an increase of 85 cents or 6.9 percent over 1976 levels.		X			FBIS (AP) 1 Feb 77
1 Feb 77	DPRK/PRC. DPRK scientific delegation departs Pyongyang to attend 17th meeting of the Korea-China Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 Feb 77
1 Feb 77	DPRK/USSR. USSR trade delegation led by Soviet Vice Minister of Foreign Trade I.T. Grishin arrives in Pyongyang.		X			FBIS (AP) 2 Feb 77
2 Feb 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Team of SRV economic specialists, led by Vice-Minister for Foreign Trade Nguyen Chanh, leaves for China.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Mar 77
2 Feb 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the USSR Academy of Sciences headed by academician P.N. Podoseyev, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Vice President of the Academy and President of the Social Sciences Commission, arrives in Hanoi for a visit to Vietnam and for the inauguration of the Nghia Do Scientific Research Center (Hanoi) built with Soviet assistance.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Mar 77
2 Feb 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the Soviet Union Merchant Marine arrives in Hanoi to attend the first session of the joint committee for cooperation in maritime transport between the two countries.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Mar 77
4 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet patrol vessel seizes Japanese fishing boat in Sea of Japan in first such incident of 1977.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Feb 77

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10 Feb 77	ROK/USSR. ROK announces it will continue efforts to establish contact with the USSR to negotiate fishing rights for Korean fishermen in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X				FBIS (AP) 11 Feb 77
11 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR releases Japanese fishing boat seized on 4 February following payment of fine and compensation.		X				FBIS (AP) 11 Feb 77
12 Feb 77	VIETNAM/USSR. DRV-USSR Maritime Cooperation Committee meets in Hanoi and adopts plan for maritime cooperation between the two countries in 1977.		X				FBIS (AP) 14 Feb 77
12 Feb 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the Federation of Friendship Societies of the USSR and the Soviet-Vietnam Friendship Society arrives in Hanoi for a visit to Vietnam.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Mar 77
18 Feb 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Ji Dengkui (Chi Teng-kuei) advises visiting JSP member Haruo Okada that the 1972 Japan-China joint statement opposing hegemony should be incorporated in its entirety into a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.		X				FBIS (AP) 18 Feb 77
18 Feb 77	JAPAN/PRC. President of the Japanese Electric Power Development Co., Yoshihiko Morozumi, states Japan will probably buy 1 million tons of coal annually from the PRC, over a 10-year period beginning in 1980.		X				FBIS (AP) 22 Feb 77
18 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Director General of Ocean Fisheries Division, Japanese Fisheries Agency, states on return from Soviet Union that the USSR is strongly determined to enforce the 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone it recently declared.		X				FBIS (AP) 18 Feb 77
19 Feb 77	JAPAN/ROK/USSR. Chairman of Japanese DSP, Ikko Kasuga, proposes to Soviet ambassador in Tokyo that the USSR open a dialogue with ROK as a step to relaxing tensions on Korean Peninsula.		X				FBIS (AP) 22 Feb 77
20 Feb 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Ambassador to Beijing advises PM Fukuda to seek resumption of negotiations with the PRC for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.		X				JT 6 Oct 78
21 Feb 77	ROK/USSR. ROK Foreign Minister Pak Tong Chin states in interview that if USSR makes a diplomatic overture to Seoul, ROK Government will respond to it.		X				FBIS (AP) 22 Feb 77

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23 Feb 77	ROK/USSR/PRC. Yi Chol Sung, leader of opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) in South Korea, announces NDP will make efforts to establish contacts between ROK and USSR/PRC, possibly through Japan, if conditions are propitious.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Feb 77
24 Feb 77	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR trade delegation arrives in Hanoi at the invitation of SRV Ministry of Foreign Trade for talks on commodity exchanges and payments.					FBIS (AP) 25 Feb 77
25 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ declares it cannot agree with unilateral action by the USSR to include in Russian 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone the four Soviet-held northern islands, east of Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Feb 77 KCA 8 Apr 77
26 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ lodges formal protest with USSR over Soviet decision to enforce 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone beginning 1 March.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Feb 77
26 Feb 77	ROK/USSR. ROK Government orders South Korean fishing fleets away from Soviet Kanchatka Peninsula following USSR declaration that enforcement of its 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone will begin 1 March.					FBIS (AP) 28 Feb 77
27 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda states he will send his FM to Moscow this year to settle outstanding issues between the two countries.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1978
27 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki departs for joint fishery talks with Soviet counterpart in Moscow. Discussion is expected to center around issue of Japanese/Soviet fishing operations in the northern Pacific, including conclusion of a new bilateral fishing agreement and guarantee of safety to Japanese fishing vessels.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Feb 77
28 Feb 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR agree to conclude provisional agreement on Japanese fishing operations in the Russian 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone. USSR assures GOJ that Japanese fishing boats operating within this 200-mile zone will not be arrested by Soviet authorities as long as negotiations on the provisional pact remain in progress.	X				JQ XXIV, Apr-Jun 77
1 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ welcomes Soviet promise to allow Japanese fishing boats nonrestricted access into Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone beyond 1 March deadline.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Mar 77
1 Mar 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV medical delegation led by Vice Minister Vu Cong Thuyet arrives in Beijing on a friendship visit to China.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Apr 77

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2 Mar 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China open second round of trade talks in Tokyo to seek ways to prop up faltering level of trade between the two countries.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Mar 77
3 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR orders Japanese fishing boats away from Kamchatka Peninsula in spite of earlier promise to allow fishing by Japanese vessels within the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone after 1 March.		X				FBIS (AP) 3 Mar 77
3 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR exchange letters in Moscow committing both countries to agreement by the end of March on an interim accord regarding Japanese fishing operations within the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X				JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77
8 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR notifies GOJ, with respect to inclusion of the disputed north-ern islands within the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone, that no territorial problems remain to be settled between the Soviet Union and Japan.		X				FBIS (AP) 8 Mar 77
8 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR refuses GOJ proposal that the interim Japanese-Soviet fishing agreement to be concluded in March be extended if GOJ fails to obtain Diet approval for ratification by the end of the year of a new long-term basic Russo-Japanese fishing treaty.		X				FBIS (AP) 8 Mar 77
8 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR rejects GOJ protest against unilateral Soviet declaration of a 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X				FBIS (AP) 9 Mar 77
8 Mar 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV military delegation headed by General Vo Nguyen Giap, Political Bureau member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Vice-Premier and Minister of National Defense, leaves Hanoi for an official visit to the Soviet Union at the invitation of the USSR Minister of National Defense.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Apr 77
10 Mar 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and the PRC ratify in Beijing a plan for medical cooperation between the two countries.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Apr 77
11 Mar 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki states Japan will hold consultations with PRC and ROK before declaring its own 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X				FBIS (AP) 14 Mar 77
12 Mar 77	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC sign in Beijing a long-term trade agreement for 1977-81 in the presence of Chinese Vice Premier Li Xiannian (Li Hsien-nien) and a North Korean delegation led by Vice Premier Kye Ung-rae.		X				CHINA QUARTERLY Jun 77

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14 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR adopts hard line at Japanese-Soviet fishery talks opening in Tokyo by excluding from negotiations salmon and herring catches in Soviet waters.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Mar 77
17 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Diet House of Representatives passes resolution calling for Soviet guarantee of safety for Japanese fishermen and boats operating in the northern Pacific and for maintenance of present levels of Japanese fish catches from those waters.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Mar 77
18 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda disputes Soviet claim that there are no unsettled territorial issues between the two countries, pointing out that the dispute over the four Soviet-held northern islands remains unsolved.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Mar 77
19 Mar 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and PRC sign bilateral agreement on commodity exchanges and payments.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Mar 77
19 Mar 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the SRV General Federation of Trade Unions departs Hanoi to attend USSR All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions in Moscow, at invitation of the Soviets.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Mar 77
21 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. Russian patrol vessels detain and inspect Japanese fishing vessels in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone in the first such occurrence since the USSR began enforcement of its zone on 1 March.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Mar 77
22 Mar 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC mission arrives in Tokyo for talks on purchase of carbon steel sheets, plates, wire rods, pipes and other products from Japanese steelmakers.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 77
24 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency plans to order all Japanese fishing vessels operating within Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone to return to their home ports in March to avoid confrontation with Soviet patrol vessels, while negotiations continue in Moscow and to receive latest guidelines and new Soviet fishing licenses expected to be agreed upon during fishery talks.		X			FBIS (AP) 24 Mar 77
28 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese news media reports Japan-USSR fishing talks deadlocked due to Soviet demand that Japan allow Russian fishing fleets to continue operations in expanded Japanese territorial waters and Soviet declaration that it will ban Japanese fishing in its 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone beginning 1 April, unless Japan accepts Moscow's draft of an interim fishery agreement.		X			FBIS (AP) 28 Mar 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
29 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ decides to expedite declaration extending Japanese territorial waters from 3 to 12 miles and establishing a 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone to gain leverage in stalled fishery negotiations with the USSR.	X					JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77
30 Mar 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) dispatches top-level mission to China for talks on PRC economic development plans and ways to expand economic exchanges between the two countries.						FBIS (AP) 24 Mar 77
31 Mar 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and the PRC reach long-term agreement for the Japanese import of Chinese coal and petroleum.	X					DTA (MNL) 7-13 Aug 78
31 Mar 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR suspend fishery negotiations, held simultaneously in Moscow and Tokyo since 15 March, after failing to reach agreement on a provisional accord that would permit Japanese fishing operations in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.	X					JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77
31 Mar 77	ROK/USSR. Seoul news media reports USSR has notified ROK, through a third country, of Soviet refusal to negotiate with the South Korean Government regarding continued fishing operations by ROK vessels in waters off Kamchatka Peninsula.	X					FBIS (AP) 1 Apr 77
1 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ special envoy, Chief Cabinet Secretary Sunao Sonoda, departs for Moscow to break deadlock that caused suspension of Japan-USSR joint fishery talks.	X					FBIS (AP) 31 Mar 77
3 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda declares at press conference that current Japanese-Soviet rift on fishing matters must not harm economic ties between the two nations.	X					FBIS (AP) 4 Apr 77
3 Apr 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Premier Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-feng) expresses desire for early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship during meeting with visiting Japanese Keidanren delegation.	X					FBIS (AP) 7 Apr 77
7 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Special Envoy Sunao Sonoda meets in Moscow with USSR Premier Kosygin who expresses Soviet readiness for early settlement of bilateral fishing dispute between Japan and the Soviet Union. Both sides reach agreement on resumption of negotiations.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 Apr 77
8 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki denies reports that Japan has made concessions to the USSR on recognition of Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone around the disputed four northern islands east of Hokkaido.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Apr 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
11 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ reaffirms stand that fishery issues and territorial problems are different and should be treated separately in current Japanese-Soviet fishery talks in Moscow.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 Apr 77
11 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. JCP organ <u>Akahata</u> urges Japanese negotiators taking part in Japanese-Soviet fishery talks in Moscow not to grant USSR any concessions regarding territorial issues.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 77
13 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. JCP Chairman Kenji Miyamoto states at party conference that the four northern islands seized by the USSR at the end of World War II are an inherent part of Japanese territory.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Apr 77
14 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese-Soviet negotiations for interim fishery accord are suspended again as GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki and GSU Fisheries Minister A. Ishkov fail to reach agreement on demarcation of Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone around the disputed four northern islands east of Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 15 Apr 77
15 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry source states that, according to minutes of Tanaka-Brezhnev talks in 1973, the Soviet leader conceded that the northern islands dispute was one of the problems between the USSR and Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Apr 77
18 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. PM Takeo Fukuda and heads of the six Japanese political parties agree, in meeting over deadlocked fishery negotiations with the USSR, that Japan should stand "resolutely" against the Soviet Union and that the GOJ decision to extend its territorial waters to 12 miles and to establish a 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone be made law as quickly as possible.	X				JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77
19 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ and USSR exchange demands for compensation over MiG incident of September 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Apr 77
19 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. JCP Chairman Kenji Miyamoto states that during his 1971 Moscow visit Kremlin leaders agreed to return two of the four disputed northern islands (Habomai and Shikotan) to Japan upon conclusion of a Japanese-Soviet peace treaty, but that since that time, the USSR position has hardened.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Apr 77
21 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki states at a Tokyo press conference that a new Soviet proposal calling for Japan's 1977 salmon catch quota to be set at 62,000 tons in the high seas of the northwestern Pacific is agreeable to the GOJ. However, he orders Japanese officials to negotiate further to avoid a 30 percent reduction of Japanese fishing vessels in the area.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Apr 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
22 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. All-Japan Harbor Workers Union (Zenkowan) refuses to permit entry of Soviet lumber ships in Niigata port because new unloading device on the Russian vessels will deprive Japanese stevedores of their jobs.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Apr 77
24 Apr 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC lodges formal protest with the GOJ over the Japan/ROK continental shelf development accord now before the Diet for ratification, charging it violates the sovereignty of China.		X			FBIS (AP) 25 Apr 77
25 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. JCP proposes interparty discussions with its Soviet counterpart to break the current deadlock in the USSR/Japan fishery talks.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Apr 77
25 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese LDP passes resolution at party convention declaring it will not compromise on Japan's claim to the four Soviet-held northern islands off Hokkaido.		X			FBIS (AP) 26 Apr 77
27 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. Four major Japanese labor organizations (General Council of Trade Unions, Liaison Council of Independent Unions, Confederation of Labor Unions, and National Federation of Industrial Labor Organizations) dispatch letter to Soviet Premier Kosygin to enlist the Kremlin leader's help in breaking the deadlocked Japanese-Soviet fishery talks in Moscow.		X			FBIS (AP) 2 May 77
27 Apr 77	DPRK/PRC. Korean Workers Party friendship delegation departs Pyongyang for PRC visit at invitation of CCP Central Committee.		X			FBIS (AP) 10 May 77
27 Apr 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Federation of Trade Unions delegation leaves for May Day celebrations in the USSR.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Jun 77
29 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR gives Japan 1 year's notice of its intention to abrogate the bilateral fishery treaty which has governed fishing operations between the two nations in the northern Pacific since 1956.		X			KCA 16 Sep 77 JQ XXXIV, Jul-Sep 77
30 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ announces it will include the four northern islands held by the USSR in its newly demarcated Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone and states that the principle of reciprocity will govern setting up of zone and that its demarcation will not apply to the PRC and ROK.		X			FBIS (AP) 2 May 77
30 Apr 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ sources express regret over unilateral abrogation by the USSR of the Japanese-Soviet Fishery Treaty.		X			FBIS (AP) 2 May 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
1 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda states at a press conference that Japan's basic position remains unchanged in that the northern islands dispute with the USSR and the Japanese-Soviet fishery agreement are separate issues and should not be linked together.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 May 77
2 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Dan Zhenlin (Tan Chen-lin), receives group of visiting Japanese Diet members and expresses strong PRC desire for early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 May 77
2 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. Retired Japanese naval officers arrive in Beijing and begin tour of PRC navy units and facilities at the invitation of the China-Japan Friendship Association.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 May 77
2 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. CPSU refuses proposed visit to Moscow by JCP delegation for the purpose of petitioning Soviet leaders to establish a fishing demarcation line in the southern Kuriles and to maintain the same quotas as in the past on Japan's fishing catches in the northern Pacific.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 May 77
3 May 77	VIETNAM/USSR. CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev and SRV Minister of Defense Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap confer in Moscow during trip to USSR by SRV military leaders.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 and 6 May 77
5 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese-Soviet fishery talks, suspended since mid-April, resume in Moscow.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 May 77
6 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki proposes to USSR Fisheries Minister A. Ishkov, during Japanese-Soviet fishery talks in Moscow, the conclusion of a bilateral agreement allowing Japanese and Russian fishing boats to enter and fish in the 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zones of each other's country.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 May 77
6 May 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV military delegation, including Minister of Defense Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, makes 1-day stopover in Beijing on way home from official visit to USSR and Warsaw Pact nations.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 May 77
7 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Wang Zhen (Wang Chen) receives visiting group of Japanese bankers, briefs them on Chinese economic reconstruction, and states China wishes to increase its export of agricultural products and mineral resources to Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 May 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
7 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet State Machinery Import Corporation awards \$10 million order for cast-steel valves to four Japanese firms.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 May 77
9 May 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda holds press conference and states, in reference to Japanese-Soviet fishery talks, that he will never agree to a settlement that might compromise Japan's claim to the northern islands. In commenting on Sino-Japanese treaty negotiations he reports that the GOJ is presently too involved in the fishery talks with the USSR and the forthcoming House of Councillors election in the Diet to conclude the treaty with China at present.		X			FBIS (AP) 9 May 77
10 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. JSP delegation departs Tokyo for Beijing on first JSP China trip since 1975.		X			FBIS (AP) 10 May 77
10 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steel industry sources report rolled steel exports to PRC for first half of 1977 nearly equal the total for all of 1976.		X			FBIS (AP) 11 May 77
10 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese news source reports sagging Japanese exports to the USSR and attributes the decline to: (1) rising value of the yen; (2) high Japanese interest rates; (3) Soviet balance-of-payment difficulties; (4) strains in bilateral relations caused by MIG-25 incident and stormy Japanese-Soviet fishery talks.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 May 77
10 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese labor delegation departs Tokyo for Moscow in effort to persuade GSU to agree to an interim fishery agreement during current Japanese-Soviet talks.		X			FBIS (AP) 10 May 77
11 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR Fisheries Minister A. Ishkov receives visiting Japanese labor delegation and notes their insistence that the USSR exclude the disputed northern islands from its 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone. He comments that Japan's enforcement of its own 12-mile territorial waters limit will cause decline in Soviet fishing catches of about 150,000 to 200,000 tons annually.		X			FBIS (AP) 12 May 77
11 May 77	DPRK/PRC. First PRC goodwill tourist group to visit DPRK receives warm welcome at factories, schools and government enterprises.				X	FBIS (AP) 16 May 77
12 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Fourth round of Japanese-Soviet fishery talks hints snag as USSR hints it may give up fishing operations in the projected Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 May 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
14 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan announces receipt of Soviet order for 61 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) compressors to be installed in Siberia.			X		FBIS (AP) 19 May 77
15 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese firms negotiate contracts worth a record \$370 million with PRC during semi-annual Guangzhou (Canton) Trade Fair.			X		FBIS (AP) 26 May 77
16 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda dispatches letter to CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev requesting his assistance and expressing hope for the early conclusion of a Japanese-Soviet interim fishery agreement.			X		FBIS (AP) 1 Jun 77
16-19 May 77	ROK/PRC. Seoul news source reports 50 armed PRC junks attacked, damaged, and looted six ROK fishing vessels on the high seas between South Korea's Cheju Island and the Chinese mainland.			X		FBIS (AP) 20 May 77
17 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. JSP Chairman Koichi Yamanoto, on return from goodwill trip to China, urges GOJ PM Kukuda to press for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship as soon as possible.			X		FBIS (AP) 17 May 77
17 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan requests USSR to exercise restraint in the catching of sand eels in waters off the southern tip of Sakhalin Island.			X		FBIS (AP) 17 May 77
17 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR announce agreement is reached in Japanese-Soviet fishery talks in Moscow. Draft accord avoids compromise of either country's position on the northern Islands territorial issue and leaves the question of Japanese fish hauls within the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone to be determined by further negotiations.			X		FBIS (AP) 18 and 19 May 77
17 May 77	ROK/USSR. Korean Government source states ROK is seeking to establish contact and undertake a dialogue with the USSR through the good offices of Yugoslavia.			X		FBIS (USSR) 17-19 May 77
18 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Hatoyama states, in response to Diet questions, that the GOJ will not permit Soviet fishing fleets to operate within Japan's 12-mile territorial waters. Japan will, however, have to recognize the Soviet Union's 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone but will make every effort to minimize its effect on Japanese fishing operations in the area.			X		FBIS (AP) 19 May 77
18 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities seize Japanese fishing vessels near Kunashiri Island off east coast of Hokkaido.			X		FBIS (AP) 19 May 77

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18 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese and USSR negotiations for an interim fishery agreement encounter last-minute deadlock in final approval of accord, which both parties previously agreed to in principle, when Soviet side introduces a new proposal stating the territorial issue between the two countries has been resolved.	X					FBIS (AP) 26 May 77 JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77
18 May 77	ROK/PRC/USSR. Korean Government source announces ROK decision to diversify its foreign policy by fostering diplomatic approaches to the PRC and USSR, in order to offset proposed US withdrawal from Korea and heightened Japanese interest in the DPRK.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 May 77
18 May 77	ROK/USSR. Korean Government source states ROK will continue efforts to make contact with the USSR to negotiate an agreement to assure continued ROK fishing operations off Kamchatka Peninsula.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 May 77
19 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese news source reports USSR seized 29 Japanese fishing boats with 141 fishermen during 1976 and that 13 of these fishermen remain in Soviet custody.	X					FBIS (AP) 19 May 77
19 May 77	ROK/USSR. Seoul news source reports ROK Government is exploring possibility of opening direct air and shipping services with the USSR in a bid to establish relations with Moscow.	X					FBIS (AP) 20 May 77
20 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ spokesman states Japan and the Soviet Union have cleared up the last major obstacles to a new interim fishing agreement but are continuing negotiations in Moscow for a separate salmon fishing protocol.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1978 FBIS (AP) 20 May 77
21 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese view prevails in fishery talks with Moscow as GOJ PM Takeo Kukuda, in TV interview, expresses relief at Soviet acquiescence to GOJ demand that the disposition of the four Soviet-held northern islands be considered apart from the fisheries issue.	X					FBIS (AP) 23 May 77
21 May 77	DPRK/PRC. PRC People's Liberation Army delegation visits DPRK and is feted in Pyongyang.				X		FBIS (AP) 24 May 77
23 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan requests USSR to allow Japanese salmon boats to proceed to northern Pacific fishing grounds prior to the signing of any salmon-fishing protocol between the two nations.				X		FBIS (AP) 23 May 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
24 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR, after protracted negotiations, initial bilateral interim fishery agreement regulating Japanese fishing operations within the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone and sign protocol on salmon fishing in the northern Pacific, outside the exclusive zone of either country.	X				FBIS (USSR) FBIS (AP) 24-25 May 77
24 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR proposes, under the newly initialed interim fishery agreement with Japan, that the Japanese fish quota in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone be restricted to 455,000 tons for the remainder of the year.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 May 77
25 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese opposition parties show mixed reaction to Japanese-Soviet interim fishery agreement. Komeito calls for full Diet debate on agreement while DSP expresses doubt that Japan's claim to the four northern islands was fully respected. JSP welcomes agreement but deplores its failure to mention Japan's territorial claim and JCP states agreement leaves room for the interpretation that Japan acknowledges the Soviet occupation of the Kurile Islands.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 and 26 May 77
26 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR Minister of Foreign Trade N. Patolichay arrives in Tokyo at the invitation of the GOJ Foreign Ministry, to sign a new Japanese-Soviet trade and payments agreement.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 May 77
27 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR sign interim fishery accord previously initialed on 24 May. Under the agreement, Japan will be allowed to catch 700,000 tons of fish in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone in 1977, a decrease of 45.3 percent from the 1976 quota.	X				KCA JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77
27 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet press labels criticism of Japanese-Soviet interim fishing agreement by Japanese opposition political parties as "chauvinistic chattering." JCP responds by sending open letter to CPSU asserting the legitimacy of the Japanese claim to the four Soviet-held northern islands, and demanding, as the first step, the return of two of the islands (Habomai and Shikotan) to Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 May 77
27 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities seize Japanese sea-urchin fishing boat near Kunashir Island off the east coast of Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 May 77
27 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Foreign Trade Minister N. Patolichay, on official visit to Japan, proposes conclusion of a long-term bilateral agreement on economic cooperation between the USSR and Japan. GOJ FM Hatoyma responds that the two nations should first conclude a peace treaty in accordance with their agreement of 1956.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 May 77

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27 May 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Nineteenth session of the International Investment Bank Council, held in Moscow, unanimously admits the SRV as a member.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Jul 77
28 May 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC lodges second protest with GOJ over recently concluded Japanese-South Korean continental shelf agreement, charging accord constitutes infringement of Chinese sovereignty.		X				FBIS (AP) 1 Jun 77
28 May 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV religious delegation headed by Rev. Nguyen The Vinh, Vice-Chairman of the National Liaison Committee of Patriotic and Peace-loving Vietnamese Catholics, departs for the World Religious Congress for Peace to be held in the Soviet Union.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Jul 77
30 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan signs accord extending bilateral trade and payments agreement with the USSR through 1980 but spurns Soviet proposal for long-term government-to-government economic cooperation agreement.		X				JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77 FBIS (AP) 31 May 77
30 May 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency announces that over 1,000 Japanese fishing boats will remain idle in port as a result of the interim Japanese-Soviet fishery accord. Only 6,335 vessels will be permitted to fish in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone in 1977 compared to 7,400 vessels in 1976.		X				JQ XXIV, Jul-Sep 77
31 May 77	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC railway delegation arrives in Hanoi for 19th Vietnam-China railway conference.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Jun 77
1 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. Hideo Miyoshi, former Chief of Staff of the Ground Self-Defense Forces in Japan, arrives in Beijing and meets Deputy Chief of the General Staff Wu Xiuquan (Wu Hsiu-chuan).		X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 77
1 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo delivers noncommittal response of CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev to GOJ PM Fukuda's letter of 16 May; Brezhnev response states fishery matters to be important for both Japan and the USSR. He expresses pleasure that an interim fishing agreement was concluded through mutual understanding and hopes that Japanese-Soviet relations will be maintained in the future in an equal spirit of mutual understanding. GOJ PM Fukuda advises Soviet Ambassador that Japanese-Soviet fishery negotiations should not harm future relations between the two nations. He indicates strong Japanese interest in resolving territorial dispute with the USSR over the four northern islands and emphasizes Japan's dedication to the conclusion of a peace treaty with the Soviet Union by first settling difficult political, economic, and trading problems between the two nations.		X				FBIS (AP) 1 Jun 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	Cul	
1 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo media notes suspension of bank loans to USSR by Japanese EXIM (Export-Import) Bank during past half year. The action caused shelving of contracts by two Japanese firms, calling for export to the Soviet Union of chemical fertilizer plants, because they required EXIM Bank loans for implementation. However, it is reported that GOJ and EXIM have decided to resume loans to the USSR and have invited the GSU to reopen negotiations on the subject while at the same time cautioning that loans in the future will not be made as liberally as in the past.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jun 77
2 Jun 77	DPRK/USSR. Delegation of the USSR Supreme Soviet arrives in Pyongyang for an official visit to the DPRK.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1978 FBIS (PRC) 2 Jun 77 FBIS (AP) 3 Jun 77 CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 77 VIET NAM COURIER Jul 77
2 Jun 77	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Premier Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-feng) receives SRV military delegation headed by Defense Minister Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap and praises Vietnamese people for having defeated "the French colonialists and U.S. imperialist aggressors," thereby setting "a bright example for people throughout the world."	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Jun 77
3 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda assures parliamentarians at Diet session that during recent fishery negotiations between the two countries, Japan made no concessions to the USSR with respect to the Japanese territorial claim to four northern islands off the east coast of Hokkaido.	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Jun 77
3 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR advises GOJ it will not collect fishing fees in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone during 1977 but will reserve the right to do so in future years.		X				FBIS (AP) 3 Jun 77
3 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of Soviet educators visits SRV at invitation of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jun 77
4 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Nihon Spindle Co. of Japan announces receipt of a ¥100 million Soviet order for sheet-metal processing machines.		X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 77
4 Jun 77	ROK/PRC. ROK calls on PRC to take appropriate measures to prevent recurrence of incidents involving Chinese harassment of Korean fishermen operating on the high seas such as occurred on 16-19 May.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jun 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
4 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. N.P. Fir'yubin arrives in Hanoi for a friendship visit to Vietnam.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Jul 77
5 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. DPRK/USSR. CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev states in Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo) interview that it is "one-sided and inaccurate" for Japan to insist that the territorial question of the northern islands remains unsolved. The Kremlin leader also expresses solidarity with North Korea, stating USSR "supports DPRK proposals regarding the withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Korea and the creation of favorable conditions for the country's unification along peaceful and democratic principles without outside interference."	X				JQ XXIV, Oct-Dec 77 FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 77
5 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sign a plan in Hanoi for cultural and scientific cooperation in 1977.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Jul 77
6 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Chief Cabinet Secretary Sunao Sonoda responds to CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev statement during 5 June interview with Asahi Shimbun by asserting that the Kremlin leader's interpretation is "unilateral and incorrect" and that "the joint statement on the 1973 Tanaka-Brezhnev meeting and its minutes clearly indicate that the territorial issue remains unsettled."	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 77
6 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev receives SRV Premier Pham Van Dong during the latter's Moscow stopover on way home from an official visit to Finland. The Kremlin leader affirms to SRV Premier that the USSR "will continue supporting the Vietnamese people in the building of socialism" and that the Russian people "value highly the contribution of socialist Vietnam to the struggle for peace, national independence, democracy, and socialism throughout the world."	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 77
7 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers report Japan concluded contracts to export 2.2 million tons of steel products to PRC during the first half of 1977.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 77
7 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Hiruta Tsusho Co. of Japan announces receipt of ¥3 billion order from the USSR for the export of special valves to be used in Soviet 5-Year Plan projects.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 77
7 Jun 77	ROK/PRC. ROK reports attack by PRC fishing vessels against Korean fishermen in the Yellow Sea.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 77
8 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. Isuzu Motors Ltd. of Japan reports ¥1.5 billion export order for vehicles and trucks to the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
8 Jun 77	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Premier Hua Guofeng receives SRV Premier Pham Van Dong during Beijing stopover by the latter on way home from an official visit to Finland.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 77 FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 77 FBIS (PRC) 8 Jun 77 VIET NAM COURIER Jul 77
9 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry informs PRC of Diet approval of Japanese-South Korean continental shelf agreement and offers to explain the accord to the Chinese Government.	X					FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 77
10 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese-Soviet interim fishery agreement goes into effect.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Jun 77
10 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda states that the USSR should return all four Soviet-held northern islands simultaneously and that he disagrees with JCP view that the islands could be returned piecemeal after future talks with the Soviet Union.	X					FBIS (AP) 10 Jun 77
10 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR issues communique stating it supports the "speedy admission" of the SRV to the United Nations.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Jun 77
11 Jun 77	ROK/PRC. Seoul Herald repeats call of ROK Government for negotiations with PRC to ensure orderly fishing operations and peaceful settlement of fishing disputes in the wake of Chinese harassment and abduction of Korean fishermen and fishing vessels in the Yellow Sea.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Jun 77
12 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Labor Minister Hirohide Ishida, on way home from Geneva conference, stops in Moscow for official visit at invitation of Supreme Soviet and holds talks with Kremlin leaders in effort to mend ties between Japan and the USSR.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Jun 77
12 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. EXIM Bank of Japan ends its temporizing on loans to the USSR and grants credits totaling ¥83.8 billion to Moscow to finance fertilizer plant equipment purchased from Japan.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Jun 77
12 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. CPSU organ <u>Pravda</u> states in reply to a letter from the JCP that there is no room for USSR concessions on the northern islands territorial dispute with Japan and that the JCP made inaccurate and biased judgments in claiming Japanese territorial rights over the Kurile Islands.	X					JQ XXIV, Oct-Dec 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
13 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. JCP statement assails <u>Pravda</u> article alleging that the territorial dispute between Japan and the USSR over the northern islands has already been resolved and accuses USSR of failing to answer JCP open letter on subject. The Soviet position is said to perpetuate "Stalin's wrong attitude toward territorial expansion."		X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jun 77
14 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC protests GOJ "flagrant infringement" of Chinese sovereignty as Japanese Diet approves continental shelf agreement with South Korea. GOJ Foreign Ministry repeats its readiness to discuss the agreement and the entire continental shelf issue with the PRC.		X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jun 77
14 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese fishing boats begin departing for crab and neptune shell fishing grounds in the Sea of Okhotsk after receiving permits from USSR.		X				FBIS (AP) 15 Jun 77
14 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. JSP Chairman Tomomi Narita, in policy statement, asserts that the Soviet Union should return all the Kurile Islands to Japan and thereby ensure the conclusion of a Russo-Japanese peace treaty. He adds that "from the viewpoint of international law, the islands are undoubtedly inherent territories of Japan."		X				FBIS (AP) 15 Jun 77
15 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev during meeting in Moscow with visiting GOJ Labor Minister Ishida Hirohide indicates Soviet inclination to study "with good intentions" a peace treaty with Japan and asks that Japan reciprocally study the possibility of executing a Japanese-Soviet good-neighbor and cooperation pact.		X				FBIS (AP) 20 Jun 77 JQ XXIV, Oct-Dec 77
15 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ presents to the USSR the draft of a proposed interim agreement on Soviet fishing operations in the Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Jun 77
16 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda states at a press conference that the GOJ is ready to negotiate a Kremlin sponsored bilateral good-neighbor and cooperation pact with the USSR if discussions include the territorial issue of the four Soviet-held northern islands.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Jun 77
16 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Labor Minister Ishida Hirohide, while conferring with GSU Premier Kosygin in Moscow, proposes establishment of a bilateral ministerial-level economic council.		X				FBIS (AP) 17 Jun 77

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16 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Fukuda reacts negatively to Brezhnev proposal for a Japanese-Soviet good neighbor and cooperation pact as relayed by GOJ Labor Minister Ishida Hirohide and states that settlement of the northern islands territorial question takes priority over such a pact with the Soviet Union.	X					JQ XXIV, Oct-Dec 77
17 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV party and government leaders send message of congratulations to L.I. Brezhnev on his election as President of the USSR Supreme Soviet.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Aug 77
18 Jun 77	DPRK/USSR. DPRK Ministry of Power Industry delegation departs Pyongyang for the USSR to attend second international electric power exhibition and world conference on power industry.	X					FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 77
20 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. PM Takeo Fukuda declares Soviet fishing operation will not be permitted inside Japan's 12-mile territorial waters limit.	X					FBIS (AP) 21 Jun 77
20 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Deputy Prime Minister Le Thanh Nghi arrives in Warsaw, Poland, to attend the 21st session of COMECON as an observer.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Aug 77
21 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet organ <u>Izvestia</u> denounces Japanese-South Korean continental shelf agreement.	X					FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 77
21 Jun 77	ROK/PRC. South Korea rejects accusations that its fishermen have been intruding into Chinese waters since May and urges Beijing to settle fishing disputes through a third party.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1978
22 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of PRC railway officials arrives in Tokyo for visit at invitation of Japanese National Railway Motive Power Union.	X					FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 77
22 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki says key issue during forthcoming talks on Soviet fishing operations in the Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone will be the line of demarcation drawn between the Russian and Japanese zones around the four Soviet-held northern islands claimed by Japan.	X					FBIS (AP) 23 Jun 77
22 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. A Vietnamese women's delegation led by Mrs. Ha Thi Que, Central Committee member of the Communist Party of Vietnam, leaves for Moscow to attend the Conference of Women of Socialist Countries and the seminar on "Women and Socialism."	X					VIET NAM COURIER Aug 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
23 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Keidanren President Toshiwo Dokko on way home from Washington conference, stops in Moscow for talks with Soviet officials to discuss conclusion of a nongovernmental Japanese-Soviet atomic energy pact and exchange views on bilateral economic cooperation.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jun 77
24 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China open private shipping offices in each other's capitals.	X				DTA (MNL) 7-13 FBIS (AP) 14 Jun 77 FBIS (AP) 27 Jun 77
24 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan announces it is in broad agreement with the USSR on conclusion of a nongovernmental atomic energy pact under which the two countries would exchange researchers, and inspection teams, hold joint seminars, and possibly carry out technology transfers on nuclear fusion and fast breeder reactors.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 77
25 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. Kaihara Osamu, former Secretary-General of the Japan National Defence Council, visits China and confers with PLA Deputy Chief of General Staff Zhang Gaiqian (Chang Tsai-chien).	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jun 77
27 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda, during electioneering tour, expresses hope that a treaty of peace and friendship with China will be concluded as early as possible.	X				
27 Jun 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV folk art troupe arrives in Beijing for PRC visit at invitation of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jun 77
27 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Fourth session of the Vietnamese-USSR Commission for Economic, Scientific, and Technical Cooperation ends in Moscow with bilateral agreements for cooperation in those fields of endeavor.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 77
29 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Keidanren President Toshiwo Dokko discloses that during his recent visit to Moscow, Soviet officials made a formal offer to supply enriched uranium to Japan without the attachment of stringent conditions.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Jul 77
29 Jun 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Premier Kosygin receives SRV economic delegation and discusses bilateral economic cooperation with its leader, Vice Premier Le Thanh Nghi.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	
30 Jun 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Ichiro Hatoyama says he expects negotiations for a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship to make headway after US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance visits Beijing.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 77
30 Jun 77	JAPAN/USSR. Ishikawajima Harima Heavy Industry Co. of Japan announces ¥13 billion order from the USSR for the construction of a floating drydock with a lift of 80,000 tons.			X	X	FBIS (AP) 14 Jul 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
1 Jul 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. Japan's 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone and extension of its territorial waters from 3 to 12 miles are placed in effect to give Japan added leverage in future fishery negotiations with the Soviet Union. GOJ intends to apply principle of reciprocity and will therefore exclude PRC and ROK from having to abide by the imposed prohibitions and restraints.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jun 77 KCA 16 Sep 77
1 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR open negotiations in Tokyo for interim fishery agreement to regulate Soviet fishing operations within the Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Jul 77
6 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. Akahata rebuts Pravda article rejecting Japanese claims to southern Kurile Islands by relating history of negotiations concerning the islands and circumstances surrounding their occupation by the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jul 77
12 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet authorities release two Japanese fishing boats previously seized in the vicinity of Shikotan Island.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 77
12 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency and 13 private fishing organizations form council to advise the GOJ on the proposed barter of sardines for Alaska pollack in forthcoming fishing negotiations between Japan and the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jul 77
13 Jul 77	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of the nonofficial Chinese Fishery Association arrives in Tokyo for visit at invitation of the Japan-China Fishery Consultative Council.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jul 77
13 Jul 77	DPRK/USSR. DPRK fishery delegation departs Pyongyang for official visit to the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jul 77
14 Jul 77	JAPAN/PRC. Chinese delegation arrives in Tokyo to study advanced Japanese coal mining technology.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jul 77
14 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR Ambassador in Tokyo D. Polyanskiy, assesses Japanese-Soviet relations for <u>Nihon Keizai Shinbun</u> interview and finds them generally positive. He states that political and economic relations have become stronger and more active and cultural exchanges have expanded with new areas opened up for bilateral contacts. He reiterates Soviet view that "there is simply no such thing as an unresolved territorial issue between Japan and the Soviet Union," and expresses Soviet willingness to continue negotiations for a peace treaty with Japan. He suggests a bilateral good-neighbor, friendship, and cooperation pact as an intermediate step if the GOJ is not yet ready for a peace treaty with the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Jul 77
15 Jul 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Ho Chi Minh Young Pioneers delegation departs Hanoi to attend first world teenagers festival in the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 Aug 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
18 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. Three Japanese television stations in Osaka dispatch friendship delegation to Beijing to discuss with PRC officials exchange of programs, technological cooperation, and a more lenient open-door policy for Japanese television reporters.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 77
20 Jul 77	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC delegate Chen Chu tells the United Security Council that China recommends Vietnam's membership to the United Nations and believes that the SRV will make positive contributions to the realization of principles in the UN Charter.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Dec 77
20 Jul 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV President Ton Duc Thang extends congratulations to first worldwide Young Pioneer festival in the Soviet Union.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Jul 77
21 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. Chairman of the Japanese-Soviet Friendship Association, Munemori Akagi, states at an airport press conference on return from Moscow trip that the USSR hopes to develop Siberia in partnership with Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jul 77
21 Jul 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Tenth International Film Festival closes in Moscow with a silver medal awarded to the Vietnamese documentary "New Address" dealing with the construction of new economic zones.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Sep 77
22 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki states there is no intention to exclude Russian fishing boats from the Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone even if the two countries fail to reach a fishery accord by the end of July.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jul 77
25 Jul 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ officials and Japanese business leaders agree to offer to purchase 30 million tons of crude oil and 5 million tons of coking coal from China annually as part of a long-term trade agreement with Beijing.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Jul 77
25 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR announces it will permit Japanese nationals to visit ancestral graves at four sites on Sakhalin Island during the summer of 1977.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Jul 77
26 Jul 77	JAPAN/PRC. Chairman of the PRC Committee for the Promotion of International Trade, Wang Yaoding (Wang Yao-ting), while in Japan, meets with Keidanren President Toshiro Dokio for exchange of views on expansion of Japan-China trade and on possible arrangements for long-term bilateral ventures, including Japanese imports of Chinese crude oil and coal.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Jul 77
28 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR Fisheries Minister A. Ishkov arrives in Tokyo to conclude an agreement with GOJ on Soviet fishing operations in the Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Jul 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
28 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. Association of Japanese prefectural governors sends delegation to Moscow to attend Japanese-Soviet governors conference.		X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jul 77
28 Jul 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Hanoi Military Command commemorates the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.				X		VIET NAM COURIER Sep 77
29 Jul 77	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Komiteo Party scholars and intellectuals departs for visit to PRC at invitation of the China-Japan Friendship Association.				X		FBIS (AP) 5 Aug 77
29 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. JDA 1977 White Paper emphasizes the need for Japan to take suitable defense measures against the Soviet Union.			X			FEER YEARBOOK 1978
29 Jul 77	JAPAN/USSR. Visiting USSR Fisheries Minister A. Ishkov tells GOJ FM Ichiro Hatoyama that it is necessary for Japan and the Soviet Union to execute a long-term fishery agreement and that the fishery negotiations previously conducted between the two countries should serve as the basis for such an accord.		X				FBIS (AP) 1 Aug 77
1 Aug 77	DPRK/USSR. USSR forestry and wood-processing delegation tours DPRK.			X			FBIS (AP) 16 Aug 77
1 Aug 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV National Assembly delegation headed by Truong Chinh, member of the Political Bureau of the CPVN Central Committee and Chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee departs for friendship visits to the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, and Mongolia.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Sep 77
2 Aug 77	JAPAN/USSR. Visiting USSR Fisheries Minister A. Ishkov advises GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda during courtesy call that Japanese and Soviet technical experts will hold talks by the end of August to draw up the framework for a long-term fishery agreement between the two countries. He expresses hope that Japan and the Soviet Union will be able to conclude a "peace and friendship" treaty in the future.		X				FBIS (AP) 3 Aug 77
2 Aug 77	DPRK/PRC. PRC Central Philharmonic Society arrives in Pyongyang for goodwill visit.			X			FBIS (AP) 3 Aug 77
2 Aug 77	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. SRV National Assembly delegation makes stopover in Beijing en route to the USSR, Mongolia, and Bulgaria.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Aug 77
3 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade discloses two-way trade between China and Japan declined 10.8 percent during the first half of 1977 compared with total for the first half of 1976.			X			FBIS (AP) 10 Aug 77
3 Aug 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV National Assembly delegation led by Standing Committee Chairman Truong Chinh receives warm welcome on arrival in Moscow.		X				FBIS (AP) 5 Aug 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
4 Aug 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR sign interim fishery agreement in Tokyo regulating Russian fishing operations in Japan's 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone. The Soviet quota is set at 335,000 tons for the July-December 1977 period which amounts to 30 percent less than the 1976 catch for the same period.			X			JQ XXIV, Oct-Dec 77 FBIS (AP) 4 Aug 77
5 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. PM Takeo Fukuda receives farewell call from newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Beijing and repeats Japan's hopes for early conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship with China in a form satisfactory to both sides. He instructs new ambassador to prepare concrete schedule through diplomatic channels for talks on the conclusion of such a treaty.		X				FBIS (AP) 8 Aug 77
5 Aug 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese press compares interim fishery agreements negotiated by Japan and the USSR to regulate fishing operations in each other's 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone and concludes the agreements and the quotas of fish accorded to each country are far more favorable to the Soviet Union than to Japan.			X			FBIS (AP) 9 Aug 77
6 Aug 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV's Haiphong soccer team undertakes goodwill tour of the China.						FBIS (AP) 10 Aug 77
10 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan agrees to accept an increase in the import price of crude oil from China of 5 cents per barrel, raising the price to \$13.20 per barrel. PRC agrees to raise Japan's oil import quota by 350,000 tons for the latter half of 1977.		X				FBIS (AP) 16 Aug 77
11 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry spokesman discloses Japan is seeking an appropriate moment to resume suspended talks for a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC. He states that Japan agrees to insert the antihegemony clause of the 1972 Japan-China joint statement into the proposed peace and friendship treaty, but not the "exact same wording" because circumstances have changed since 1972. He adds that Japan is trying to work out the "most suitable" wording of the anti-hegemony clause acceptable to both sides.			X			FBIS (AP) 15 Aug 77
11 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. Shikoku Kanki Co. of Japan acknowledges receipt of ¥1 billion order from the PRC for the construction of two floating cranes, bringing to 13 the total number of such cranes sold to China.			X			FBIS (AP) 19 Aug 77
11 Aug 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Vice Premier and Central Committee member Le Thanh Nhugi, during Moscow visit with SRV National Assembly delegation, holds talks with Soviet officials on bilateral economic, scientific, and technical cooperation, including the acceleration of USSR aid projects to Vietnam.		X				FBIS (AP) 15 Aug 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul.		
12 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Japanese artists, novelists, and literary scholars departs for visit to the PRC at invitation of the Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association.				X		FBIS (AP) 5 Aug 77	
15 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ FM Ichiro Hatozawa announces to newsmen that he will meet with his Chinese and Soviet counterparts, while attending the UN General Assembly in New York, to exchange views with them respectively regarding the execution of a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC and a peace treaty with the USSR.		X				FBIS (AP) 15 Aug 77	
17 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC ambassador to Tokyo pays courtesy call on President of the Diet House of Councillors, Ken Yasui, and urges intensified GOJ efforts for the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.		X				FBIS (AP) 18 Aug 77	
18 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. Four Japanese machinery firms announce sale to the PRC of ten heavy hydrogen gas compressors worth a total of ¥1 billion.			X			FBIS (AP) 22 Aug 77	
23 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. Keidanren President Toshiro Doko estimates Japanese crude oil imports from the PRC will begin at 10 million tons and gradually increase to 30 million tons.			X			FBIS (AP) 30 Aug 77	
24 Aug 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency directs Japanese fishermen operating within the USSR 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone to accurately log their catches and not to pollute the water.			X			FBIS (AP) 25 Aug 77	
27 Aug 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association delegation leaves for Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet-Vietnam Friendship Society to attend Vietnamese national day celebrations in the Russian capital.		X				FBIS (AP) 29 Aug 77	
29 Aug 77	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Japanese steelmakers visits Beijing to discuss future steel exports to China and to seek Chinese acquiescence to a price hike on Japanese steel exports to the PRC.		X				FBIS (AP) 18 Aug 77	
29 Aug 77	DPRK/ROK/PRC. PRC leaders reject a suggestion by visiting US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that Washington and Beijing make a joint effort to induce a resumption of dialogue between the DPRK and ROK for the purpose of decreasing tension on the Korean Peninsula.		X				FBIS (AP) 29 Aug 77	
30 Aug 77	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. SRV National Assembly delegation on the way home from an official visit to the USSR, Mongolia, and Bulgaria, makes another stopover in Beijing. Delegation is received by PRC Premier Hua Guofeng and warmly welcomed at a banquet amid toasts proclaiming Sino-Vietnamese friendship and solidarity.		X				CHINA QUARTERLY FBIS (AP) 31 Aug 77 VIET NAM COURIER Oct 77	

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31 Aug 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Chinese biological survey delegation concludes its month-long visit to the SRV.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 77
1 Sep 77	DPRK/USSR. GSU delegation arrives in Pyongyang to attend the 14th meeting of the bilateral Economic and Scientific/Technological Consultative Committee of the DPRK and the USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 1 Sep 77
2 Sep 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Ministry of Culture and Information launches an array of cultural and artistic activities to greet the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution.			X		VIET NAM COURIER Oct 77
2 Sep 77	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR leaders Brezhnev and Kosygin send effusive greetings to SRV counterparts on the occasion of Vietnam's National Day.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Sep 77
2-5 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. Delegation of Soviet mayors attends the sixth conference of Soviet and Japanese municipal officials in Toyama, Japan; joint communique at conclusion of conference calls for advancement of Japanese-Soviet friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 13/16 Sep 77
3 Sep 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the China-Vietnam Friendship Association celebrate Vietnamese National Day in Beijing.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Sep 77
4 Sep 77	DPRK/PRC. PRC postal and telecommunications delegation arrives in Pyongyang for official visit to the DPRK.			X		FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 77
6 Sep 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam-China Friendship Association delegation visits Beijing at the invitation of the Chinese.			X		FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 77
6 Sep 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese Sciences Institute and the Chinese Academy of Sciences initiate a program of scientific cooperation with the visit of a Chinese biological survey team to the SRV.			X		FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 77
6 Sep 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Organizing Committee for celebration of the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution meets under the chairmanship of Truong Chinh to discuss plans.			X		VIET NAM COURIER Oct 77
7 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Japanese oil executives departs for Beijing for talks with PRC officials on the possibility of expanding Japanese imports of Chinese crude oil on a long-term basis.			X		FBIS (AP) 14 Sep 77
7 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Group of Japanese Diet members departs for Beijing to hold talks with PRC leaders on the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.			X		FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
8 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. Niigata Engineering Co. of Japan announces cash sale of fully automated crude oil loading plant to the USSR for ¥3.3 billion.		X			FBIS (AP) 15 Sep 77
8 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ lodges protest with the USSR for violation of Japanese territorial airspace by Soviet military aircraft in the vicinity of the Goto Islands, Nagasaki Prefecture.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 77
9 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Japanese editors departs for Beijing visit at invitation of the New China News Agency (NCNA - Xinhua/[Xisinhua]).		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Sep 77
10 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers report the PRC has offered to import 2.6 million tons of steel from Japan in the latter half of 1977.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 77
11 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese NLC (New Liberal Club) departs for PRC visit at the invitation of the China-Japan Friendship Association of Beijing.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Sep 77
12 Sep 77	DPRK/PRC. PRC friendship associations celebrate DPRK founding day in Peking.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 77
13 Sep 77	JAPAN /PRC/DPRK/ROK. GOJ FM Ichiro Hatoyama states at foreign correspondents club dinner that the PRC should make contact with the ROK, and the US and Japan should do the same with the DPRK to ease tension on the Korean Peninsula.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Sep 77
13 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese-Soviet Economic Commission meeting opens in Tokyo. USSR offers to purchase nuclear power plant from Japan and declares readiness to supply enriched uranium to Japan if the power plant deal is consummated. Commission also discusses joint projects for the development of coal, natural gas, oil and paper-pulp resources in Siberia.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 77
14 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) tells a visiting group of Japanese parliamentarians that the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship has virtually ceased to exist.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1978
14 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR reach agreement on setting up a bilateral ministerial conference on economic affairs with composition and topics to be decided at a later date.	X				FBIS (AP) 13&14 Sep 77
16 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ officials state conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship with China will depend on the progress of Soviet-Japanese talks for a long-term bilateral fishery agreement.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Sep 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
16 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. New Liberal Club head Yohhei Kono, on return from Beijing trip, states PRC leaders showed strong opposition to superpower hegemony during his talks with them and were eager to know if Japan and the USSR would reach a settlement in their negotiations for a long-term fishery agreement. He adds he is now convinced it is necessary to double the pressure on the ruling LDP in order to move it more quickly toward early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Sep 77
16 Sep 77	ROK/PRC. Seoul government source states that if the PRC declares a 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone, the ROK will follow suit with a reciprocal proclamation of its own exclusive zone.					FBIS (AP) 16 Sep 77
17 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Hatozawa states in Diet that the time is ripe for the conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship with China but that the matter rests with PM Fukuda's "highly political judgment."	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Sep 77
17 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan, during Japanese-Soviet Economic Commission meeting in Tokyo, pledges additional \$90 million in bank loans for a Soviet project to develop coal deposits in the South Yakutsk region of eastern Siberia.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Sep 77
19 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Ambassador to Tokyo, Fu Hao, expresses the need for early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship during talks with GOJ FM Hatozawa.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Sep 77
21 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Jakarta Radio reports that the PRC Ambassador to Tokyo, Fu Hao, has assured GOJ FM Ichiro Hatozawa that China supports current Japanese efforts to promote good neighborly relations with Southeast Asian nations on the basis of equality.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Sep 77
22 Sep 77	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. PRC and USSR extend congratulations to the SRV on its admission to the United Nations.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Sep 77
23 Sep 77	VIETNAM/PRC. President of the SRV General Federation of Trade Unions departs for the USSR at the invitation of Soviet counterpart to attend Moscow conference of trade union presidents from socialist countries.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 77
25 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC reach agreement on the establishment of a meteorological communication link between Tokyo and Beijing and on the exchange of meteorological information.	X				DIA(MNL) 7-13 Aug 78 FBIS (AP) 20 Sep 77
26 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ and the PRC reach agreement on silk trade. Japan will import 17.5 million square meters from China in 1977, a substantial decline from the 19 million square meters imported in 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
26 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. JCP spokesman explains party position stating a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship should only be concluded with "the internationally recognized five principles of peace" in mind. He remarks that China is intervening unjustifiably in the JCP and states that, with regard to the anti-hegemony issue, the JCP cannot agree to incorporate in the treaty any antagonistic stand toward a specific country.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Sep 77
27 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan protests Chinese nuclear explosion and requests Beijing to cease nuclear testing.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 77
27 Sep 77	DPRK/PRC. PRC friendship group arrives in Pyongyang for goodwill visit.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 77
28 Sep 77	DPRK/USSR. CPSU delegation of party workers arrives in Pyongyang for friendship visit.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Sep 77
28 Sep 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association led by Nguyen Khanh Toan, Vice President of the Association and Chairman of the Vietnam Social Sciences Commission, leaves for the Soviet Union to attend an international seminar on the influence of the October Revolution on the development of friendship among nations.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Nov 77
29 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and the PRC reach agreement on inauguration of a regular shipping line between the two countries, with each nation using an equal number of vessels and levying identical charges.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Sep 77
29 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and the PRC sign reciprocal trademark protection agreement.	X				DTA(MNL) 7-13 Aug 78
29 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan proposes that present interim fishery agreements with the USSR be extended beyond their scheduled expiration date at the end of 1977.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Sep 77
30 Sep 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Hatoyama and PRC counterpart Huang Hua hold meeting in New York while attending UN General Assembly but fail to break deadlock in negotiations for a proposed Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Oct 77
30 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR agree in principle during talks in Moscow to negotiate a long-term fishery treaty by first extending the existing interim fishery accord.	X				JQ XXV, Jan-Mar 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
30 Sep 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Hatoyma meets with Soviet counterpart, Andrey Gromyko, in New York during UN General Assembly and expresses Japanese hope for conclusion of peace treaty with the USSR by first settling territorial dispute over the northern islands. Gromyko repeats Soviet position that territorial issue between the two countries is a settled matter.	X					FBIS (AP) 30 Sep 77
30 Sep 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sign in Moscow a protocol on cooperation between the ministries of education of the two countries for 1977-78.						VIET NAM COURIER Nov 77
1 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan agrees to import Chinese crude oil for an initial 5-year period under a proposed long-term trade agreement between the two countries.	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Oct 77
1 Oct 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV press welcomes PRC national day, starting Vietnam and China to be "close fraternal neighbors who, during the struggle against France and the US, were bound together, supported and assisted each other, and shared weal and woe."	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Oct 77
3 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Hatoyma states in Diet speech that efforts will be made to conclude as early as possible the projected Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship in a way satisfactory to both countries.	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Oct 77
3 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of cadres of the SRV Communist Party led by Tran Do, member of the Party Central Committee and Deputy Director of its Propaganda and Education Board, concludes its USSR visit intended to acquaint delegation members with CPSU experiences in cultural, literary, and art work.						VIET NAM COURIER Nov 77
4 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Minister of Education Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh makes official visit to USSR and discusses bilateral educational and scientific cooperation with Soviet counterpart.	X					FBIS (AP) 5 Oct 77
5 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR fail to reach agreement on extension of their bilateral interim fishery agreements beyond 1977.	X					FBIS (AP) 6 Oct 77
5 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR sign agreement on whaling catch quotas in the southern hemisphere.	X					FBIS (AP) 5 Oct 77
6 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC agree to step up technical cooperation in railway construction and operation.	X					FBIS (AP) 6 Oct 77
6 Oct 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV oil survey delegation arrives in Beijing in accordance with Sino-Vietnamese agreement on scientific and technical cooperation.	X					FBIS (AP) 7 Oct 77
7 Oct 77	ROK/USSR. USSR grants visa for the first time to a ROK diplomatic official seeking to attend UNESCO sponsored conference in the USSR.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Oct 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
8 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Fukuda states in response to Diet questioning that a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace of friendship cannot be concluded simply by "copying the Japan-China joint statement of 1972."	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Oct 77
8 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. EXIM Bank of Japan agrees to provide bank loans totaling \$100 million to USSR to finance Soviet import of large-caliber steel tubes from Japan.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Oct 77
8 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. The period 8 October - 8 November 1977 is declared to be Vietnam-Soviet Union Friendship Month and Soviet Film Month in Vietnam as a tribute to the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Nov 77
9 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese atomic power industry representatives agree in principle, during Japanese-Soviet joint economic committee meeting, to export atomic power plant equipment to the USSR on the basis of Soviet requests and to leave specific terms, including payment arrangements, to future negotiations.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 77
9 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV party and state leaders send a message to CPSU and GPU leaders acclaiming the unanimous adoption of the new Soviet Constitution by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Nov 77
10 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ lodges second protest with USSR over violation of Japanese territorial airspace by Russian military aircraft after initial protest meets Soviet denial that violation occurred.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Oct 77
10 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of leading political cadres of the Soviet Army and Navy led by General A. Yepishhev, member of the CPSU Central Committee and Chief of the General Political Department of the Soviet Army and Navy, arrives in Hanoi for an official visit at the invitation of the Vietnamese People's Army.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Nov 77
11 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Onoda Cement Co. Ltd. of Japan reports contract agreement with USSR for technology transfer of Japanese cement manufacturing techniques to the Soviet Union.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Oct 77
11 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ, after initially seeking 5-year extension of interim fishery agreements with the USSR, compromises and accepts a Soviet proposal for 1-year extension until the end of 1978.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Oct 77
12 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese electric power industry mission undertakes PRC visit for technical interchange on power transmission and transformer systems.	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Oct 77

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12 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the USSR All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions arrives in Hanoi.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Nov 77
13 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Sakhalin Oil Development Cooperation Co. of Tokyo reports that a joint Japanese-Soviet venture has made what appears to be a significant oil discovery off northernmost tip of Sakhalin Island.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Oct 77
13 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo media reports that fines were levied by Soviet authorities on Japanese fishing vessels operating within the USSR 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone for offenses ranging from failure to stop as ordered, exceeding fishing quotas, and catching unauthorized fish, to failure to record catch totals, fishing without a license, and polluting the waters.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Oct 77
13 Oct 77	DPRK/USSR. Public health delegation from the USSR arrives in Pyongyang for goodwill visit.	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Oct 77
13 Oct 77	DPRK/USSR. Korean-Soviet Friendship Month opens in Pyongyang.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Nov 77
13 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation from the USSR Lenin Central Museum arrives in the SRV for a 2-week visit at the invitation of the Ho Chi Minh Museum in Hanoi.	X					FBIS (AP) 16 Nov 77
14 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) receives visiting Japanese LDP delegation in Beijing and invites ex-GOJ PM Tanaka to visit the PRC. He expresses hope for early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship and regrets GOJ PM Fukuda's alleged indifference to the matter. He then stresses the necessity of incorporating an anti-hegemony clause in the treaty and concludes that its execution in the long run will be an indication of whether or not China and Japan will be friends.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 77
14 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping promises to study proposal, submitted by former Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Susumu Nakaido on behalf of GOJ, to solve issue of anti-hegemony in Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.	X					JT 6 Oct 78
14 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping tells a visiting Japanese LDP delegation that China is considering a 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone but will not take "unreasonable" measures against Japan.	X					CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 78
14 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan rejects Soviet proposal that quotas for 1978 fish catches within the 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zones of the USSR and Japan be set during current negotiations for a long-term fishing agreement between the two countries.	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Oct 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
15 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC agree to set length of bilateral trade agreement being negotiated between the two countries at 8 years.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Oct 77
16 Oct 77	DPRK/PRC. Delegation of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the China-Korea Friendship Association arrives in Pyongyang for goodwill visit.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 Oct 77
17 Oct 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Delegation of the Chinese Light Industry Ministry arrives in Hanoi on a friendship visit to Vietnam.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Dec 77
17 Oct 77	VIETNAM/CAMBODIA/PRC. PRC FM Huang Hua declares that China is ready to mediate the current Indochina conflict.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1978
18 Oct 77	ROK/PRC. ROK Culture/Information Minister declares the South Korean Government is prepared to let PRC and DPRK scholars participate in research on antique Chinese art objects uncovered in an underwater archaeological find off the southwest coast of the Korean peninsula.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Oct 77
19 Oct 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV inaugurates PRC-built textile plant in Vinh Phu Province northwest of Hanoi.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Oct 77
20 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR conclude negotiations to extend existing, bilateral, interim fishery agreements for another year, until the end of 1978.	X				KCA Feb 17, 1978 FBIS (AP) 21 Oct 78
22 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Fukuda asks ruling LDP to reconcile its members' differing views regarding the proposed Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship as discussion of the treaty continues to split the party into pro-Beijing and pro-Taiwan factions.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Oct 77
25 Oct 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC journalists delegation arrives in Tokyo for visit at invitation of GOJ Foreign Ministry.		X			FBIS (AP) 28 Oct 77
26 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the USSR-Vietnam Friendship Association, led by Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov, arrives in Hanoi to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution in the Vietnamese capital.	X				FBIS (AP) 16 Nov 77 VIET NAM COURIER Dec 77
27 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda asks visiting Soviet Ocean Shipping Minister Timofey Guzhenko why USSR does not return to Japan the four Soviet-held northern islands of Habomai, Shikotan, Kunashiri, and Etorofu, east of Hokkaido. Guzhenko's response is noncommittal.	X				FBIS (AP) 31 Oct 77

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28 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo media reports Soviet authorities are conducting an intensified campaign against Japanese fishing craft found in the 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone belonging to the USSR. A total of 123 Japanese vessels have been detained and ¥130 million levied in fines since creation of the zone in June.		X				FBIS (AP) 31 Oct 77
29 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. Nippon Steel Corporation of Japan discloses having gained a ¥10 billion contract to export vertical continuous melting zinc-coating equipment to the USSR.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Nov 77
29 Oct 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV inaugurates Ha Bac nitrogenous fertilizer plant built with Chinese aid north of Hanoi.		X				VIETNAM COURIER Dec 77
29 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. GSU delegation led by G. D. Kidnadze, First Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic, arrives in Hanoi as guests of the SRV to open Soviet exhibition honoring the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution.		X				VIETNAM COURIER Dec 77
29 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. A delegation of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions, the Vietnam Women's Union, the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, and the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association leaves for the Soviet Union to attend the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the October Revolution.		X				VIETNAM COURIER Dec 77
30 Oct 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV government and party delegation departs Hanoi for Moscow visit at the invitation of the CPSU Central Committee to participate in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution.		X				FBIS (AP) 31 Oct 77
31 Oct 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry declares its opposition to the establishment of a joint Japanese-Soviet transportation venture to move freight from Japan to Western Europe via the USSR, instead of via the Suez route, on grounds that such a move would make commerce between Japan and Europe the hostage of Japanese-Soviet relations and would place European-bound freight from Japan under potential Russian control.		X				FBIS (AP) 3 Nov 77
31 Oct 77	DPRK/USSR. DPRK government and party delegation arrives in Moscow to attend the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution.		X				FBIS (AP) 7 Nov 77
1 Nov 77	DPRK/USSR. USSR opens exhibition of capital and consumer goods comprising over 2,000 items in Pyongyang.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Nov 77
1 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Union opens exhibition in Hanoi marking 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Nov 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
2 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. Bank of Tokyo President Yusuke Kashiwagi declares upon return from PRC visit that he believes Beijing, which has accepted no foreign loans in the past, is now ready to accept Japanese loans provided they are in the form of "deposits in the Bank of China".			X		FBIS (AP) 9 Nov 77
3 Nov 77	DPRK/USSR. Delegation of the Soviet-Korean Friendship Society arrives in Pyongyang for a goodwill visit to the DPK.					FBIS (AP) 4 Nov 77
3 Nov 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and PRC sign protocol in Beijing on technical and scientific cooperation between the two countries for 1977-78.	X	X			VIET NAM COURIER Dec 77
3 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV inaugurates wheat flour vermicelli mill built with Soviet assistance in Bat Son, Thanh Hoa Province.	X	X			VIET NAM COURIER Dec 77
4 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Fukuda advises visiting delegation of PRC journalists that the GOJ will try to conclude a treaty of peace and friendship with China as soon as possible and that it is his hope a treaty satisfactory to both sides can be worked out using the Sino-Japanese joint statement of 1972 as a basis.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Nov 77
4 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Central Committee member Le Thanh Nghi meets with senior Kremlin officials in Moscow to discuss promotion of bilateral cooperation in science, economics, and technology.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 7 Nov 77
5 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. Four Japanese steelmakers sign contract with the Soviet Union for the export of 150,000 tons of large-diameter steel pipes to be delivered by the end of 1977, provided the USSR's request for a loan from the EXIM Bank of Japan, to complete the deal, is approved.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Nov 77
5 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev receives SRV counterpart Le Duan as head of visiting Vietnamese delegation. Brezhnev lauds SRV peacetime achievements and states the USSR will continue to provide Vietnam with the necessary assistance to develop its socialist economy.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Dec 77
6 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV party and government leaders send a message of greetings to their Soviet counterparts on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the USSR October Revolution.		X			
7 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Premier Pham Van Dong holds welcoming reception for visiting Soviet Government delegation, a friendship delegation led by Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov, a group of Soviet exhibition staffers in Hanoi, and a troupe of Cossack dancers.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Nov 77

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8 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. Five Japanese opposition parties urge ruling LDP to support a Diet resolution calling for early conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 Nov 77
10 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. EXIM Bank of Japan agrees in principle to extend credit of \$130 million to the USSR for the import of 400,000 tons of Japanese steel pipes.	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Nov 77
11 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. FM Ichiro Hatoyama declares that the GOJ, in concluding a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC, will seek the annulment of a clause in the Sino-Soviet alliance pact of 1950 that is hostile to Japan.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Nov 77 CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 77
11 Nov 77	ROK/PRC. ROK decides to join the proposed World Badminton Federation, an organization founded by Beijing, in the hope of increasing opportunities for contact with the PRC.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Nov 77
11 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Standing Committee for Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the SRV and USSR holds its fourth session in Moscow.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Nov 77
12 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. Two Japanese firms sign contract with Chinese Technical Import Corporation for export to PRC of a natural gas refining plant worth ¥5 billion.	X					FBIS (AP) 15 Nov 77
12 Nov 77	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC's Guangzhou (Canton) song and dance ensemble arrives in Hanoi on a performing tour of Vietnam, at the invitation of the SRV Ministry of Culture and Information.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Dec 77
13 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. Tokyo media alleges Japan and the PRC have already exchanged drafts of a peace and friendship treaty reportedly consisting of (1) a preamble, (2) articles stressing the maintenance of lasting friendship between the two countries, (3) articles governing bilateral relations including reciprocal noninterference in internal affairs, and (4) articles designating the duration of the treaty.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Nov 77
15 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Gu Mu (Ku Mu) tells visiting Japanese Diet members that China will be able to export more than 10 million tons of oil a year to Japan by 1982.	X					CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 78
15 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR sign non-governmental, 5-year agreement on atomic energy cooperation. Agreement provides for exchanges of scientific information in the field of nuclear power reactors and nuclear fusion and for mutual visits to research centers and other organizations concerned with the uses of atomic energy.	X					KCA 17 Feb 78 FBIS (AP) 31 Oct 77
16 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR agree to study, on an official level, the possibility of establishing a governmental forum to discuss economic cooperation between the two countries.	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Nov 77

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16 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet delegation, consisting of nuclear reactor experts, visits Japanese Atomic Energy Research Institute at Tokaimura (Ibaraki Prefecture).	X					FBIS (AP) 17 Nov 77
16 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR responds to suggestion made by GOJ Labor Minister Ishida Hirohide during his Moscow visit in June, and formally proposes the inauguration of a bilateral economic ministerial conference to study economic cooperation between the two countries.		X				JQ XXV, Jan-Mar 78
16 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Army soccer team arrives in Hanoi for goodwill tour of the SRV.			X			FBIS (AP) 18 Nov 77
18 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese synthetic fiber manufacturers sign contracts to export 30,000 tons of polyester staples to the PRC during the first half of 1978.		X				FBIS (AP) 21 Nov 77
19 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ requests the USSR to cancel test rocket launchings in the Pacific during the last half of November because of Japanese tuna fishing boats present in the splashdown area.			X			FBIS (AP) 21 Nov 77
20-25 Nov 77	VIETNAM/PRC. Le Duan, General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party, leads a delegation to Beijing at the invitation of the CCP and PRC government, and is received at the airport by Premier Hua Guofeng.		X				FBIS (AP) 21 Nov 77 FBIS (PRC) 21 Nov 77 CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 77
21 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese traders and manufacturers net about ¥3 billion worth of orders from the PRC at the semi-annual Guangzhou (Canton) Trade Fair. Major items sold include cranes, trucks, bearings, medical equipment, measuring instruments, and valves.		X				FBIS (AP) 23 Nov 77
21 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. Hitachi Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. of Japan announces receipt of a ¥2.6 billion order from the USSR for the construction and delivery of two 6,000 ton mechanical presses to be used on Soviet truck-assembly lines.		X				FBIS (AP) 21 Nov 77
21 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sign accord for bilateral cooperation in the maintenance of Soviet-supplied vehicles, machinery, and equipment to Vietnam.		X				FBIS (AP) 22 Nov 77
23 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan-China Association on Economy and Trade revises its previous estimate of amount of crude oil to be imported from the PRC by 1982. The figure originally set at 18.32 million tons is changed to 11 million tons.		X				FBIS (AP) 25 Nov 77
24 Nov 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sing a "process-verbal" in Moscow on scientific cooperation between the two countries for 1978 and 1979.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Jan 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
26 Nov 77	USSR/JAPAN. Soviet newspaper <u>Pravda</u> warns Japan of "retaliatory measures" in the event the PRC and GOJ sign a peace and friendship treaty which includes the controversial anti-hegemony clause.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979 CHINA QUARTERLY Mar 78
28 Nov 77	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC moviemaking company visits Vietnam at invitation of the SRV Ministry of Culture and Information.				X	FBIS (AP) 29 Nov 77
29 Nov 77	JAPAN/PRC. China agrees to supply Japan with 15 million tons of crude oil by 1982 according to terms of long-term trade accord under negotiation.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Nov 77
29 Nov 77	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and the USSR sign protocol in Pyongyang on scientific and technological cooperation for 1978.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Nov 77
30 Nov 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese sources, quoting Soviet officials, state that Japan will be barred from fishing in the USSR 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone if it signs with China a treaty of peace and friendship containing an anti-hegemony clause.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 77
1 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry rejects as "groundless and one-sided" alleged assertion by Soviet officials that Japan will be barred from the USSR 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone if it signs a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 77
1 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. USSR signals its willingness to receive GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda in Moscow for an official visit as well as for ministerial consultation. A key issue for discussion promises to be a still unresolved Japanese-Soviet World War II peace treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 77
2 Dec 77	" JAPAN/PRC. Tokyo media reports the GOJ and PRC drafts of the proposed treaty of peace and friendship approach a congruity of meaning on the anti-hegemony issue. The Japanese version states, "This treaty is not directed toward a third country" while the Chinese version states "The friendship between Japan and China is not directed toward a third country."	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Dec 77
3 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. Joint Fishery Committee formed by Japan and the PRC holds annual meeting as provided for in the Fishery Agreement of 1975. During the course of the meeting, PRC proposes stricter conservation measures for ocean resources, including the imposition of catch quotas on fish. Japan rejects the proposal, asserting marine resources to be still abundant.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Dec 77
3 Dec 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV confers Friendship Order on Chinese experts for assistance to Vietnam in building the Vinh Phu Textile Mill.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Jan 78

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4 Dec 77	DPRK/PRC. DPRK trade bank delegation departs Pyongyang for visit to PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 9 Dec 77
5 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry, under newly appointed FM Sunao Sonoda, formulates plans to resume negotiations with the PRC by the end of January for a treaty of peace and friendship and hopes to complete the negotiating process by early March.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 77
8 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese economic mission sent to Beijing to negotiate a long-term trade accord with China fails to reach agreement with PRC officials. Japanese press notes that Japan-China trade is unlikely to increase significantly as long as the PRC adheres to a virtual barrier system in international commerce, exchanging goods or resources, especially oil, for an equivalent value of goods and services with its trade partner.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Dec 77
9 Dec 77	ROK/PRC/USSR. ROK FM Pak Tong Chin states the South Korean government will impose no objection to private-level nongovernmental fishing agreements with the PRC and the USSR if they turn out to be possible. He adds that the ROK will continue to search for ways to enter into a dialogue and execute fishing accords with the two countries.		X			FBIS (AP) 9 Dec 77
10 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry rejects Soviet demand that Russian fishermen be allowed to make calls at Japanese ports in exchange for granting Japanese fishermen permission to gather seaweed off Soviet-held Kaigara Island east of Hokkaido.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 77
11 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Ambassador to Beijing states PRC will agree to resume negotiations for a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty if the GOJ so proposes.		X			JT 6 Oct 78
12 Dec 77	VIETNAM/USSR. Russian cosmonaut and President of the Soviet-Vietnam Friendship Society Maj. Gen. Gherman Titov declares in Moscow speech that "the Russian people will always stand by the side of the Vietnamese people in their socialist construction."		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Dec 77
13 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan, during fishery talks with the USSR initially rejects Soviet proposal to set fishing quotas in each country's 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone at 650,000 tons for the Russian catch in the Japanese zone and 850,000 tons for the Japanese catch in the Russian zone.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 77
15 Dec 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV inaugurates textbook printing plant built with PRC assistance in Dong Anh.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Jan 78
15 Dec 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sign protocol for 1978 on goods exchange and payments between the two countries, and agree to the Soviet Union's use of part of its loan package to supply supplementary food to Vietnam.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Jan 78

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		Sci	Mil	Cul	
16 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and the USSR agree to extend their bilateral interim fishery agreement 1 year and to set catch quotas for 1978 within their respective 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zones. Quota for Japan in the Soviet zone is set at 850,000 tons while the quota for the USSR in the Japanese zone is set at 650,000 tons.		X		FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 77 JQ XXV, Apr-Jun 78 RCA 17 Feb 78
17 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC inaugurate bilateral Association for Scientific and Technological Exchanges.	X			DTA (MNL) 7-13 Aug 78
17 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency, in order to implement newly negotiated extension of Japanese-Soviet interim fishery agreement, imposes its own quotas on various species of edible fish and marine life to be adhered to by Japanese fishermen.		X		FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 77
18 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. Newly formed Japan-China Science and Technology Exchange Association holds first meeting in Tokyo.	X			FBIS (AP) 22 Dec 77
18 Dec 77	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign protocol on goods exchange and payments for 1978 with the Soviet Union agreeing to supply machinery, agricultural and construction equipment, raw materials, fuel in exchange for SRV's traditional goods, raw materials, agricultural/forestry products, handicrafts and light industrial goods.		X		FBIS (AP) 19 Dec 77
19 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese trade mission leader Hisashi Tsuda, on return from Beijing visit, states that PRC is placing great emphasis on the development of its economy and hopes for technology transfers from the industrialized countries, especially Japan.		X		FBIS (AP) 20 Dec 77
20 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda advises Diet House of Councillors that he will inform the USSR when he visits Moscow of Japan's desire to promote detente between China and the Soviet Union.	X			FBIS (AP) 20 Dec 77
21 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda renews call for Soviet return of northern islands to Japanese custody and states that it is "irrelevant" for Moscow to oppose the inclusion of an anti-hegemony clause in a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship since the USSR, itself, has declared it seeks no "privilege and superiority in world affairs."	X			FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 77
21 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Diet House of Councillors approves unanimously 1-year extension of the Japanese-Soviet interim fishery agreement.		X		FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 77
22 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda expresses the firm commitment of his government to conclude a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC as soon as possible.	X			FBIS (AP) 22 Dec 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
22 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. FM Sunao Sonoda and GOJ Ambassador to Moscow and Beijing reportedly reach conclusion that a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship will not offend the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 77
22 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR; GOJ Ambassador to Moscow states pessimistically at a news conference that he sees little chance of a Japanese-Soviet treaty being concluded during the course of the next ministerial consultations between the two countries to be held in January.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Dec 77
23 Dec 77	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV trade delegation led by Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Nguyen Chanh arrives in Beijing.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
24 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. Foreign Ministry sources state that, in connection with FM Sonoda's Moscow visit, the GOJ will issue an invitation to either CPSU General Secretary Brezhnev or Soviet Premier Kosygin to visit Japan in the future.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 77
26 Dec 77	VIETNAM/PRC. French press announces PRC has terminated all technical cooperation with the Vietnamese Army because of alleged SRV rapprochement with the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jan 78
27 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda, in speech before LDP foreign policy experts, declares Japan will not go unconditional to the conference table with China to discuss a treaty of peace and friendship nor will GOJ negotiators fail to respect opinions of opposition parties while conducting talks with China. With respect to his forthcoming trip to Moscow, he states that he will exchange views with Kremlin leaders on a Soviet-Japanese peace treaty and will try to ascertain if the Soviet Union still regards Japan as a hostile nation.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Dec 77
27 Dec 77	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo media discloses that FM Sunao Sonoda met secretly last week with the Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo to explain the GOJ stand on the Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
28 Dec 77	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese shipbuilding firm receives PRC order for construction of four shellfish gathering vessels.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Dec 77

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
1 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. Tokyo press publishes Japanese draft of proposed treaty of peace and friendship with China.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 4 Jan 78
1 Jan 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC media echoes Cambodian complaints of Vietnamese aggression.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
2-3 Jan 78	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. SRV and DK mutually withdraw diplomatic representatives.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Jan 78
4 Jan 78	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. SRV states it will not accept mediation by any third country in its border dispute with DK.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Jan 78
6 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC technical mission arrives for negotiations with Japanese TV set makers regarding the purchase of a factory for the manufacture of color TV tubes.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Dec 77
6 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ requests the GSU to call off planned Soviet meteorological tests in the Pacific between 7 and 26 January because of Japanese fishing vessels present in the area.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jan 78
7 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. Kanasashi Co. of Japan receives PRC order for construction of a fishery research vessel worth ¥1 billion.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jan 78
7 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. Kato Works Co. of Japan receives Soviet order for 26 cranes worth ¥1.8 billion.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jan 78
8 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR orders mammoth floating dock with 80,000-ton lift capacity from Japanese shipbuilding firm for suspected eventual use in the Far East, causing JDA speculation that a Soviet helicopter/VTOL carrier may be stationed with the Russian Far East Fleet.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 16 Jan 78
8 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda departs for official trip to Moscow and schedules three sessions with Soviet FM Gromyko to discuss settlement of territorial dispute, long-term economic cooperation agreement, interim and long-range fishery agreements and visits by Japanese nationals to ancestral grave sites in Soviet territory. In departure speech he states there is no change in GOJ policy to seek simultaneous return of all four Soviet-held northern islands off Hokkaido.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Jan 78 " (USSR) 9 Jan 78
8-12 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda holds regular consultation with Soviet counterpart Andrei Gromyko in Moscow. Both sides are unable to reconcile their differences regarding issue of four Soviet-held northern islands and fail to issue joint communique at close of talks.	X				JQ XXV, Apr-Jun 78
9 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. JSP delegation departs for PRC trip with intent to visit communes and talk to Chinese farmers.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Jan 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
10 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Acting FM Nobuhiko Ushiba reports on Sonoda-Gromyko talks in Moscow. He states that USSR rejected Japanese contention that return of the four Soviet-held northern islands was a prerequisite to the development of stable relations between the two countries and presented instead a draft of a good neighbor and bilateral cooperation treaty. GOJ rejected Soviet draft and presented its own treaty outline. Both sides then agreed to continue negotiations. Moving on to the Sino-Japanese treaty issue, USSR stressed that Japan should act independently if a third nation tried to meddle in Russo-Japanese relations, while GOJ assured GSU that it had no intention of working with a third country to take hostile action against the USSR. The two countries then agreed to cooperate on fishery problems, to create a new cabinet-level council for economic discussions, and to renew the cultural exchange agreement about to expire.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Jan 78
10 Jan 78	VIETNAM/PRC. London daily reports Vietnamese capture of PRC advisers during border fighting in Cambodia.		X			FBIS (AP) 11 Jan 78
10 Jan 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and PRC sign an agreement in Beijing on commodity exchanges and payments for 1978.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Feb 78
10 Jan 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Official Chinese press for first time accords equal treatment to SRV and DK viewpoints in the border dispute between the two countries and for first time carries SRV charge that "Cambodian armed forces repeatedly intruded into Vietnamese territory" since May 1975.		X	X		FBIS (AP) 10 Jan 78
10 Jan 78	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR reaffirms Soviet support for SRV position that the Vietnamese-Cambodian border dispute must be settled through direct negotiations by the two countries involved.		X			FBIS (AP) 11 Jan 78
11 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Chief Cabinet Secretary Shintaro Abe states that Japan must return soon to treaty talks with the PRC. His comment marks the GOJ's first official statement regarding resumption of treaty negotiations with the PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 11 Jan 78
11 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry sources acknowledge that no substantial progress on the territorial dispute between Japan and the USSR was gained during Sonoda-Gromyko talks in Moscow. Other sources state USSR took unexpectedly tough stand on the matter, even repudiating an earlier agreement reached between ex-PM Kakuei Tanaka and CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev. GOJ Chief Cabinet Secretary Shintaro Abe states Japan will continue pressing for the return of the four Soviet-held northern islands		X			FBIS (AP) 11 Jan 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
12 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda returns home from Moscow talks with Soviet counterpart A. Gromyko and states Japan will not accept Soviet position that territorial differences have already been settled but at the same time will not view the matter as insurmountable. He reasons that the issue should be settled on the basis of good neighborly relations with the Soviet Union and could be resolved within 5 years if the GOJ and the Japanese people made the effort.	X				FBIS (AP) 12 Jan 78
17 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. LDP delegation departs Tokyo for Beijing visit at invitation of the China-Japan Friendship Association.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Jan 78
18 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC orders two marine geophysical survey vessels from a Japanese shipbuilding firm at a total cost of ¥3.5 billion.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Jan 78
18 Jan 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC delegation travels to Phnom Penh, raising hopes it will mediate border dispute between the SRV and DK.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
18-22 Jan 78	DPRK/USSR. Soviet delegation visits DPRK and presents Order of Lenin to President Kim Il Song.	X				FBIS (AP) 18 Jan 78 KCA 24 Mar 78
21 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Fukuda states in a Diet speech that the time is ripe to reopen negotiations with the PRC for a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.	X				JT 6 Oct 78
24 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC meteorological mission arrives in Tokyo for visit at invitation of GOJ Foreign Ministry.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jan 78
24 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR agree in principle to cooperate in fields of general science, technology, agriculture and atomic energy beginning in FY 1979. Japanese side is specially interested in fast breeder reactors and nuclear fusion while the Soviet side wishes to study the operation and design of light water reactors.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Jan 78
25 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan requests USSR to cancel meteorological rocket launches scheduled for 27 January to 8 February in the southern Pacific because of Japanese fishing vessels present in the area.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Jan 78
26 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda states in response to Diet questioning that a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship would be a significant contribution to US global strategy, later defined by the GOJ Foreign Ministry as a US belief that friendly relations between Japan and China would act to enhance the security of Asia.	X				FBIS (AP) 26 Jan 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
28 Jan 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry announces that negotiations for the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship may not resume until after mid-February, when the fifth session of the PRC National People's Congress is held.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Jan 78
28 Jan 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese maritime authorities press for indictment of captains from five Soviet fishing vessels detained for violations in Japan's 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Jan 78
31 Jan 78	ROK/USSR. ROK government seeks to contact USSR in order to secure permission for South Korean civil aircraft to overfly Siberia to reduce flight time to Western Europe.	X				FBIS (AP) 31 Jan 78
31 Jan 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sign agreement on shipping cooperation for 1978.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Mar 78
1 Feb 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR, in discussions on sea transport cooperation, reach agreement on volume of freight to be transferred between the two countries in 1978 and set guidelines for the improvement of shipping procedures and cargo handling.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 Feb 78
1 Feb 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of USSR Physical Education and Sports Committee visits Vietnam.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Mar 78
4 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry announces that Japan and China have agreed to initiate government-to-government cultural exchange programs to supplement existing exchanges between private organizations and institutions.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Feb 78
4 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese defense experts reportedly decipher IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) code of the MiG-25 FOXBAT fighter flown to Hakodate Airport by a defecting Soviet pilot in September 1976.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Feb 78
4 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan requests USSR to cancel meteorological rocket launches in the southern Pacific from 8-20 February because of Japanese fishing vessels present in the area.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Feb 78
7 Feb 78	ROK/USSR. ROK FM Pak Tong Chin concedes South Korean government is watching Soviet naval expansion in northeast Asia with deep concern and plans to seek joint consultations with US and Japan to discuss meeting the impact of growing Soviet military strength in the Far East.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Feb 78
9 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet mission arrives in Tokyo to discuss with Japanese bank officials and steel manufacturers the USSR's interest in importing Japanese steel.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Feb 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	
10 Feb 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign agreements in Moscow concerning educational cooperation between the Ministries of Higher and Secondary Vocational Education of both countries, relative to the status of diplomas, degrees, and scientific postitions issued or recognized in Vietnam and the Soviet Union.			X		FBIS (AP) 13 Feb 78 VIET NAM COURIER Mar 78
10 Feb 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Radio Hanoi reports USSR has affirmed its support for an SRV three-point proposal to end the border war with Cambodia. The proposal calls for (1) immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of both sides to a distance of 5 kilometers from the common border, (2) subsequent expeditious negotiations in Hanoi or Phnom Penh for a border treaty, and (3) agreement on international guarantee and supervision of the accord reached by the two countries.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Feb 78
13 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan, in an appeal to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, calls for a thorough investigation into the crash of a Soviet nuclear-powered Cosmos space satellite in northern Canada during January and requests that steps be taken to prevent recurrence of the incident.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Feb 78
14 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda dismisses speculation that Japan and China have resumed secret negotiations in Beijing in order to conclude a treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 15 Feb 78
15 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese economic sources estimate the PRC will replace the US in 1978 as the foremost export market for Japan's big-six steelmakers.		X			FBIS (AP) 16 Feb 78
15 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR open negotiations in Moscow on salmon fishing operations in the northwestern Pacific.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Feb 78
15 Feb 78	VIETNAM/USSR. CPSU delegation of the Leningrad Provincial and Municipal Committees headed by G.U. Romanov, member of the CPSU Political Bureau and First Secretary of the Leningrad Provincial Party Committee, arrives for a visit to Ho Chi Minh City.					VIET NAM COURIER Mar 78
16 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC sign in Beijing an 8-year private trade agreement under which bilateral trade between the two countries will grow to about \$20 billion. Terms of agreement stipulate Japan will import Chinese crude oil and coal while China will buy Japanese industrial plants and construction equipment.					DTA(MNL) 7-13 Aug 78 FBIS (AP) 9/15/16/23 Feb 78 JQ XXV, Apr-Jun 78 KCA 27 Oct 78 FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 78
16 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese banks undertake the deposit of yen and dollars in the Bank of China to finance Chinese imports from Japan under the newly signed Japan-China trade agreement.	X				

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16 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. During bilateral fishery talks between the Soviet Union and Japan, USSR proposes that a total ban on salmon catching on the high seas in the North-western Pacific be imposed on both countries.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 78
17 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China, during aviation talks in Beijing, agree to increase number of weekly flights between the two countries for both Japan Airlines (JAL) and the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 78
17 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan rejects Soviet proposal, made during current fishery talks, to ban salmon-fishing by the two countries on the high seas in the northwestern Pacific.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Feb 78
18 Feb 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of the Vietnamese People's Army departs Hanoi to attend Moscow celebrations of Soviet Army and Navy Day.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Feb 78
19 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. Behind-the-scenes meetings between Japanese and Chinese diplomats in Tokyo and Beijing lay groundwork for the full-scale resumption of negotiations to conclude a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Feb 78
20 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of Japanese steel experts departs for Beijing to assist the PRC in modernizing its steel mills.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Feb 78
21 Feb 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ sources disclose Japanese plans to increase the import volume of Chinese crude oil in the future to a point in excess of the totals projected under the newly signed trade agreement with the PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Feb 78
21 Feb 78	DPRK/USSR. DPRK military delegation departs Pyongyang to attend Moscow celebrations in honor of Soviet Army and Navy Day.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Feb 78
22 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda rejects proposal by CPSU General Secretary Brezhnev to conclude a mutual cooperation and good-neighbor treaty. He claims Japan cannot conclude such a treaty without first solving the question of the four Soviet-held northern islands.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
22 Feb 78	DPRK/USSR. Mass rally in Pyongyang marks Soviet Army and Navy Day.				X	FBIS (USSR) 23 Feb 78
23 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR publishes in Pravda full draft of a proposed good neighbor and mutual cooperation treaty with Japan. GOJ Foreign Ministry terms action unusual and a breach of diplomatic protocol.		X			JQ XXXV, Apr-Jun 78 FBIS (AP) 22 Feb 78 JQ XXXV, Apr-Jun 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
24 Feb 78	JAPAN/USSR. During fishery talks currently underway between Japan and the Soviet Union, Japan agrees to Soviet proposal calling for the creation of a working group to discuss preservation of salmon resources.		X			FBIS (AP) 24 Feb 78
25 Feb 78	DPRK/USSR. Soviet trade union delegation arrives in Pyongyang.		X			FBIS (AP) 1 Mar 78
3 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese oil industry sources announce Japan will import about 7.1 million tons of crude oil from China during 1978.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Mar 78
3 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese and Soviet disagreement persists in current fishery talks, with GOJ side arguing that the amount of salmon in the northwestern Pacific is actually 50-60 percent higher than the 1972-76 average and the GSU side maintaining that salmon resources in the same area are depleted as the result of Japanese fishing operations.		X			FBIS (AP) 3 Mar 78
4 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ rejects Soviet demand that Japanese fishing boats stop salmon-fishing operation in the Sea of Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 6 Mar 78
5 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. PRC Premier Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-feng), in speech to the Chinese National People's Congress, calls for early conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship with Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Mar 78
6 Mar 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Government leaders send message of congratulations to Ye Jianying (Yeh Chien-ying) and Hua Guofeng on their election as Chairman of the Standing Committee of the PRC National People's Congress and State Council Premier, respectively.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Apr 78
7 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese business community welcomes newly disclosed PRC 10-year national economic development plan in hopes it will contribute to a sharp increase in Japan's industrial exports.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Mar 78
8 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR submits diplomatic note to Japan protesting Japanese popular movements demanding return of the four Soviet-held northern islands to Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Mar 78
10 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. Komeito Party delegation departs for goodwill visit to PRC.		X			FBIS (AP) 10 Mar 78
11 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo, in speech to the Japan-Soviet Association, stresses need for a good neighbor and cooperation treaty between Japan and the USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Mar 78
13 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Komatsu Ltd. of Japan signs \$4 million contract with USSR for export of an automatic connecting-rod forging press line for large diesel engines.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 78

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13 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan requests USSR to cancel meteorological rocket launchings in the Pacific between 15-24 March because Japanese fishing vessels are present in the area.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 13 Mar 78
14 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC expresses position on resumption of negotiations for a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship in four-point proposal given to visiting Komeito Party delegation. Proposal affirms (1) desire for early conclusion of a treaty on basis of 1972 Sino-Japanese joint statement, (2) Beijing's view of the controversial anti-hegemony cause, (3) limitations of the anti-hegemony stand, and (4) PRC hope for an early decision on the treaty by GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda and for an official visit to China by FM Sunao Sonoda.					FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 78 JT 6 Oct 78
15 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. US Deputy Secretary of Defense Charles W. Duncan states US would welcome Japan's conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty with China.	X				FBIS (AP) 31 Mar 78
16 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Foreign Investment Council of GOJ Finance Ministry rejects plan by the Soviet External Transport Corporation and three Japanese companies to embark on a joint shipping brokerage business that would involve routing freight shipments for Western Europe through Siberia.	X				FBIS (AP) 16 Mar 78
17 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. C. Itoh Co. of Japan receives ¥4 billion order from the USSR for 2 textile plants.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Mar 78
17 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Russian military aircraft briefly violate Japanese airspace in vicinity of Straits of Tsushima. GOJ files protest with USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 Mar 78
20 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. JSP delegation departs for goodwill visit to the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Mar 78
20 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan requests USSR to cancel scheduled launchings of meteorological rockets over the Pacific between 21-31 March because Japanese vessels are present in the area.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Mar 78
20 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry spokesman criticizes Soviet position claiming there is no unresolved territorial issue between Japan and USSR, and calls Soviet censure of Japanese movement demanding return of the northern islands an "unjust interference in Japan's internal affairs." He adds that the ministry hopes the USSR "will decide to sign a peace treaty with Japan following the total return of the four northern islands."	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Mar 78
21 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. JCP delegation departs for goodwill visit to the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
21 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. JCP organ Akahata expresses support for GOJ position on territorial dispute with the USSR and demands return of the four northern islands to Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Mar 78
21 Mar 78	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and USSR sign in Pyongyang a working plan for scientific cooperation between the two countries in 1978-79.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Mar 78
22 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ affirms that the Senkaku Islands, whose ownership is claimed by both Taiwan and the PRC, are inherent Japanese territory.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Mar 78
25 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. PM Takeo Fukuda announces publicly that the GOJ has decided to resume negotiations with China for a treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Mar 78
26 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) meets with visiting JSP Chairman Asukata Ichio in Beijing. He states that key to the successful conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty lies with GOJ PM Fukuda and indicates his willingness to visit Tokyo to sign such a treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Mar 78 JQ XXV, Jul-Sep 78
26 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR, in current fishery talks with Japan, withdraws proposal to ban all salmon-fishing from the high seas of the northwestern Pacific.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Mar 78
26 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Marubeni Corp. of Japan receives ¥1.25 million order from the USSR for coal-washing screens to be installed in coal-washing plants in Siberia.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Apr 78
26 Mar 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Delegation of SRV film-makers led by Vice Minister of Culture and Information Ha Xuan Truong, President of the Association of Vietnamese Film-makers, leaves for Moscow to attend a conference of leaders of Cinematographic Services and Associations of Film-Makers of the socialist countries.	X				VIET NAM COURIER May 78
27 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese textile industry sources disclose that appreciation of the yen is causing Japanese textile goods to be priced out of the China market, with the PRC turning to cheaper sources elsewhere in Asia.	X				FBIS (AP) 29 Mar 78
27 Mar 78	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and USSR sign in Moscow a plan for cultural exchanges during 1978-79.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Apr 78
27 Mar 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Conference of Soviet allergists elects Vietnamese professor Dr. Nguyen Nan An as honorary member of the USSR Association of Allergists. He is the fourth allergy specialist in the world to receive this honor.	X				VIET NAM COURIER May 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	
30 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. Visiting PRC economic delegation leader Lin Hujia (Lin Hu-chia), in courtesy call on GOJ Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI), requests Japan to take steps to redress trade imbalance between the two countries which at present is heavily in Japan's favor.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 30 Mar 78
30 Mar 78	JAPAN/USSR. Chairman of the Soviet-Japan Friendship Society in Moscow advises Japanese Journalist during interview that the GOJ campaign of making claims to the northern territories is "basically groundless" and that the Soviet Union "cannot meet the demand for the return of even the two islands of Habomai and Shikotan, not to mention the return of all four islands -- Kunashiri, Etorofu, Habomai and Shikotan." He states also that should Japan sign with the PRC a treaty containing an antihegemony clause, the USSR "cannot but take the view that Japan has entered into an anti-Soviet alliance with China," and adds that the USSR "takes a serious view" of adverse Japanese reaction to a Russo-Japanese good neighbor and cooperation treaty draft made public by the Soviet Union in February.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Apr 78
31 Mar 78	JAPAN/PRC. FM Sunao Sonoda declares that the controversial four principles which have governed the GOJ position towards the antihegemony clause of the proposed Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship will be virtually dropped as negotiations are resumed with China. (The four principles established by ex-FM Kiichi Miyazawa in 1975 are: (1) the antihegemony clause should not be directed at a specific third country; (2) the inclusion of the clause should not entail joint action by Japan and China; (3) the antihegemony clause should be applied not only to the Asian and Pacific region but to every area of the world; and (4) the clause should be consistent with the spirit of the UN Charter).	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Apr 78
1 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR resume joint exploration for oil and natural gas off Sakhalin Island under an agreement stipulating that Japan is to receive 50 percent of oil found and almost all natural gas.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Mar 78
3 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Visiting PRC economic delegation asks Keidanren (Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations) to help train Chinese administrators by sending Japanese business experts to Beijing.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Apr 78
3 Apr 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and PRC hold 20th regular railway conference in Nanning, China, to discuss the transportation of freight and passengers on the railroads of the two countries and plans for 1979.	X				FBIS (AP) 17 Apr 78
5 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Mitsubishi group of companies in Japan agrees to provide technical assistance to China in developing nuclear power and aircraft industries.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 Apr 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
6 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Union Today, a Russian magazine for Japanese readers, publishes message from GSU Premier Aleksey Kosygin calling for conclusion of a Soviet-proposed good neighbor and cooperation treaty with Japan.		X				FBIS (AP) 7 Apr 78
6 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR Delegation of Japanese governors representing prefectures with fishing interests in the northern Pacific arrives in Moscow to give support to Japanese negotiators in the current Russo-Japanese fishery talks.				X		FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 78
7 Apr 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign in Moscow a plan on cooperation in cinematography for 1978.					X	FBIS (AP) 10 Apr 78
10 Apr 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Chinese refugee arriving in Hong Kong from the SRV states ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam have demonstrated against being sent into the mountains to work and have protested the recruitment of young Chinese for military duties.			X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
11 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ dispatches Agriculture-Forestry Minister Ichiro Nakagawa to Moscow in attempt to break deadlocked Russo-Japanese fishery talks on salmon catches in the northern Pacific.			X			FBIS (AP) 7 Apr 78
11 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese maritime authorities detain Soviet trawler and arrest its captain for fishing in a zone off Hokkaido where fishing is banned by the Japanese-Soviet interim fishery agreement.				X		CHINA QUARTERLY JQ XXV, Jul-Sep 78
12 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Over 100 armed PRC fishing boats intrude into disputed coastal waters of Senkaku Island group, an archipelago claimed by both Japan and the PRC, as Tokyo and Beijing consider negotiation of a bilateral peace and friendship treaty.				X		FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 78
12 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of the newly formed United Social Democratic Party leaves for Beijing on goodwill visit.				X		CHINA QUARTERLY FBIS (AP) 12 Apr 78
13 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Over 100 Chinese fishing boats defy order by Japanese maritime authorities to leave area of disputed Senkaku Islands. PRC responds to protest by insisting that islands are part of Chinese territory.			X			FBIS (AP) 13 Apr 78
13 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Secretary General of the China-Japan Friendship Association Sun Pinghua (Sun Ping-hua) states that Japan is bringing up the question of the Senkaku Islands only as a pretext to oppose conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.			X			FBIS (AP) 13 Apr 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul		
14 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ again demands that PRC withdraw its fishing boats from "Japanese territorial waters" around the disputed Senkaku Islands and PRC repeats previously stated position that the islands are Chinese territory. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda states negotiations with PRC for a treaty of peace and friendship will make no headway until territorial violations are resolved. GOJ Maritime Safety Agency establishes special patrol headquarters in Naha, Okinawa, to monitor continued Chinese activity around the Senkakus.	X		X				FBIS (AP) 14 Apr 78
15 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. PM Takeo Fukuda declares at a press conference that the GOJ will firmly maintain its position that the Senkaku Islands belong to Japan. FM Sonoda sharply criticizes the PRC, calling the incident in the Senkakus "a premeditated act of the Chinese Government" and states the GOJ "will never yield to the Chinese on this problem."	X						FBIS (AP) 17 Apr 78
17 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Armed PRC fishing boats leave the coastal waters of the Senkaku Island group, allegedly on orders from Beijing.	X						JQ XXV, Jul-Sep 78
17 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Chinese Vice Premier Geng Biao (Keng Piao) tells visiting Japanese opposition politicians that the fishing boats incident near the Senkaku Islands was neither intentional nor planned but "accidental."	X						CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
17 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese firms sign ¥10 billion contract with USSR for technology transfer to include equipment to produce powdered synthetic detergent.	X						FBIS (AP) 17 Apr 78
18 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Maritime Safety Agency reports that all Chinese fishing boats have moved out of waters around the disputed Senkaku Islands. United Social Democratic Party delegation returning from Beijing reiterates PRC claims that the Senkaku incident was "an accidental affair" and was neither intentional nor planned.	X						FBIS (AP) 18 Apr 78
18 Apr 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Swedish correspondent claims there is heavy border fighting between China and Vietnam, in one of first reports on PRC/SRV clashes to reach the outside world. SRV officials refused to confirm or deny conflict reports.	X						FBIS (AP) 19 Apr 78
19 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan receives Chinese order for 80 shovel loaders worth ¥900 million and Toshiba Machine Co. of Tokyo receives Chinese order for two large milling machines worth ¥2.5 million.	X						FBIS (AP) 27 Apr 78
19 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC takes delivery one M170 and two M160 Hitachi computers purchased from Japan for meteorological purposes.	X		X				FBIS (AP) 27 Apr 78
19 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC ignores GOJ requests to begin talks on the Senkaku incident.	X						FBIS (AP) 19 Apr 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
20 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Ambassador to Tokyo Fu Hao criticizes GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda's "passive attitude" toward conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship with China and terms recent movement of Chinese fishing boats around the Senkaku Islands as "accidental." GOJ Foreign Minister states PRC Ambassador's remarks about PM Fukuda are "unpardonable," constitute intervention in internal Japanese affairs and, if continued, may make Japan unable to promote a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Apr 78
20 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda hints GOJ will shelve the Senkaku incident with the PRC when negotiations are resumed for a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Apr 78
20 Apr 78	ROK/USSR. Soviet fighters shoot down Korean Airlines jetliner violating USSR territorial airspace.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Apr 78 FBIS (USSR) 21 Apr 78 JQ XXV, Jul-Sep 78 KCA 7 Jul 78
21 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR sign in Moscow a new 5-year salmon and salmon-trout fishing agreement for the northwestern Pacific. Accord permits Japan to catch 42,500 tons of salmon and salmon-trout in 1978, a considerable decline from the 62,000 tons it caught in 1977.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Apr / 1 Mar 78 JQ XXV, Jul-Sep 78 KCA 23 Jun 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
21 Apr 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Embassy in Paris officially denies that fighting has taken place between Vietnam and China along their common border.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Apr 78
22 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. FM Sunao Sonoda indicates GOJ acceptance of PRC statement that the intrusion of Chinese fishing vessels in the waters around the Senkaku Islands was accidental and affirms that the incident is ended.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Apr 78
22 Apr 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union delegation departs Hanoi to attend 18th Congress of the Lenin Young Communist League in USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Apr 78
23 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. LDP Executive Council Chairman Yasuhiro Nakasone declares that the Senkaku incident should be included in negotiations for a treaty of peace and friendship between Japan and PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Apr 78
23 Apr 78	ROK/USSR. USSR releases passengers of Korean Airlines jetliner shot down by Soviet fighters over Russian territory on 20 April.	X				KCA 7 Jul 78

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24 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers advise visiting PRC steel-purchasing mission that they may only supply 2.2 million tons of the 2.6 million tons of rolled carbon steel requested by China for 1978 and that the price of the steel will be higher than previously agreed to in late 1977.			X				FBIS (AP) 26 Apr 78
24 Apr 78	ROK/USSR. ROK President Park Chung Hee expresses gratitude to USSR for prompt return of the passengers of the Korean Airlines jetliner shot down while violating Soviet territorial airspace.			X				KCA 7 Jul 78
25 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. PM Takeo Fukuda declares GOJ will take measures to resume negotiations for a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship after it assesses PRC moves in connection with the Senkaku incident.			X				FBIS (AP) 26 Apr 78
26 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC orders 2,500 large trucks from Isuzu Motors Ltd. and Hino Motors Ltd. of Japan.			X				FBIS (AP) 11 May 78
26 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR conclude bilateral arrangement for regulation of whaling operations in northern Pacific.			X				FBIS (AP) 27 Apr 78
27 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese fishing industry sources report USSR wishes to establish joint ventures with Japanese fishing companies. Company boats would be allowed to conduct fishing operations in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone following payment of entry fees to the USSR. The Japanese would be further required to buy all fish hauls of Soviet vessels involved in the venture and to extend technical cooperation to Soviet fishermen.			X				FBIS (AP) 27 Apr 78
27 Apr 78	JAPAN/USSR. Russian economic sources disclose that Japan emerged as the USSR's second largest Western trading partner in 1977, with trade between the two countries amounting to \$3,348 billion.			X				FBIS (AP) 28 Apr 78
28 Apr 78	JAPAN/PRC. Senior PRC official tells visiting Japanese Diet member that China will in the future try to avoid the recurrence of incidents similar to the one involving Chinese fishing boats near the Senkaku Islands.			X				FBIS (AP) 28 Apr 78
28 Apr 78	DPRK/PRC. PRC trade delegation arrives in Pyongyang.							FBIS (AP) 1 May 78
29 Apr 78	ROK/USSR. USSR releases pilot and navigator of the Korean Airlines jetliner shot down over Soviet territory on 20 April.			X				KCA 7 Jul 78
30 Apr 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Liao Zhengzhe (Liao Cheng-chih), Head of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the Chinese State Council, admits PRC concern over exodus of ethnic Chinese residents from Vietnam.			X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78

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1 May 78	ROK/USSR. ROK Foreign Minister thanks USSR for release of captain and navigator of Korean Airlines jetliner shot down over Soviet Union.	X					KCA FEER YEARBOOK 1979
1 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC launches emergency relief effort to accommodate Chinese refugees crossing the border from Vietnam.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 May 78
1 May 78	VIEINAM/PRC. Radio Beijing reports that Chinese residents of the SRV are leaving Vietnam in large numbers to return to the PRC.	X					FBIS (AP) 3 May 78
2 May 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC sign protocol on commodity delivery for 1978.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1979
3 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Unverified accounts reaching Japan report deaths of many Chinese residents of Ho Chi Minh City in clash with Vietnamese troops.	X					CHINA QUARTERLY FBIS (AP) 5 May 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
5 May 78	DPRK/PRC. PRC Premier Hua Huofeng (Hua Kuo-feng), accompanied by Vice Premier Geng Biao (Keng Piao) and FM Huang Hua, arrive by special train for goodwill visit to the DPRK.	X					FBIS (AP) Sep 78 FBIS (AP) 8 May 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
5 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Party Central Committee Secretary Xuan Thuy admits in press interview that some ethnic Chinese residents of Vietnam have crossed illegally into China. He then reiterates Vietnamese policy regarding China, stating that Vietnamese are still looking "to strengthen solidarity and promote friendly cooperation with it on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism."	X					FBIS (AP) 8 May 78
7 May 78	DPRK/PRC. Pyongyang holds mammoth rally with 100,000 in attendance for visiting PRC Premier Hua Guofeng.	X					FBIS (AP) 8 May 78
7 May 78	ROK/PRC. Visiting PRC Premier Hua Guofeng tells Pyongyang rally that PRC will never recognize South Korea and that DPRK is the only legitimate regime in Korea.	X					FBIS (AP) 9 May 78
8 May 78	DPRK/PRC. Visiting PRC Premier Hua Guofeng at state banquet in Pyongyang expresses steadfast Chinese support for "the consistent stand of the Korean people for the unification of the country" and calls for withdrawal of US forces from the ROK.	X					FBIS (AP) 9 May 78
9 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Hundreds of ethnic Chinese residents of Vietnam reportedly besiege PRC Embassy in Hanoi for passports and entry visas to China.	X					FBIS 10 May 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979

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10 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Ambassador to Beijing Sato Shoji and PRC Vice Premier Han Nianlong (Han Nien-lung) agree in discussions to strive for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty and to refrain from disputing the ownership of the Senkaku Island group.	X					FQ XXV, Jul-Sep 78
11 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. Senior GOJ source states Senkaku incident between Japan and China has been settled diplomatically and reports no change in the determination of both countries to avoid making an issue of the matter.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 May 78
12 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Foreign Ministry notifies the SRV by diplomatic note that the Chinese government is cutting off financial aid and equipment for 21 complete factory projects in Vietnam because of the need to redirect funds for repatriation and settlement of ethnic Chinese refugees from the SRV.	X	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
13 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda announces that negotiations for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship may be resumed in June.	X					FBIS (AP) 15 May 78
15 May 78	ROK/PRC. South Korean Government requests US to convey to the PRC that the ROK position regarding the question of Korean reunification calls for settlement through North-South talks by the parties concerned.	X					FBIS (AP) 15 May 78
16 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. 98-member PRC mission to purchase steel mill equipment arrives in Japan.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 May 78
18 May 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency authorizes five Japanese joint ventures with the USSR involving fishing operations in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.	X					FBIS (AP) 19 May 78
19 May 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR demands fee of ¥100 million for permitting seaweed gathering by Japanese boats in the vicinity of the four Soviet-held northern islands off the coast of Hokkaido.	X					FBIS (AP) 26 May 78
19 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Western newsmen tour Vietnamese side of common border with China, SRV officials deny occurrence of border clashes.	X					FBIS (AP) 19 May 78
22 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. Delegation of the People's Bank of China arrives in Tokyo at the invitation of the Bank of Japan to study Japan's monetary policy and banking system and to exchange views with Japanese bankers.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 Apr 78
22 May 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Deputy Foreign Trade Minister N. Osipov repeats requests for financial and technical cooperation to aid USSR's natural gas development project in Siberia.	X					FBIS (AP) 23 May 78

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23 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda wins Cabinet consent to resume stalled negotiations with PRC for a treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 May 78
23 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. Nippon Steel of Japan signs contract with PRC for cooperation in the construction of a steelmill complex in the Shanghai vicinity.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 May 78
23 May 78	DPRK/PRC. PRC delegation arrives in Pyongyang to attend the 18th meeting of the Korea-China Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 May 78
24 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Beijing issues official statement attacking the Hanoi government for "persecuting and expelling" ethnic Chinese residents of Vietnam.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
25 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV denies official PRC statement charging Vietnam with persecution and expulsion of ethnic Chinese residents.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 May 78
26 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC announces that it will send ships to bring home the "persecuted Chinese" in Vietnam.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
27 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese Embassy in Beijing officially informs the Chinese Foreign Ministry that the GOJ wishes to resume negotiations for the conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 May 78 CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
27 May 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan, US, and USSR sign memorandum calling for production at the Yakutsk natural gas fields in Siberia to begin by 1985. Under related protocol signed earlier, Japan and US agreed to provide bank loans to help finance the joint project in exchange for an annual compensation of 10 billion cubic meters of liquefied natural gas each, to be paid over a 25-year period once the fields go into production.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 May 78
27 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC report estimates the number of "persecuted Chinese" in Vietnam to be 89,700.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
27 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Foreign Ministry spokesman in Hanoi states ethnic Chinese residents of Vietnam will be "gradually turned into Vietnamese citizens."	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
27 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese troops allegedly fire on boats carrying fleeing Chinese and wound two occupants.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
28 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV proposes to PRC that propaganda harmful to the friendship of the two countries be ended and that representatives of both governments meet to settle differences over the issue of the ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979

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28 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Rallies take place in Vietnamese cities to protest PRC allegation that ethnic Chinese residents of the SRV are being mistreated and forced to flee the country.	X				FBIS (AP) 31 May 78
29 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese Vice Foreign Minister Hoang Bich Son delivers a note to the Chinese Ambassador in Hanoi requesting a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the issue of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
29 May 78	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR assists SRV in constructing a wheat flour mill complex in Quang Ninh Province.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Jun 78
30 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi admits Vietnamese forces wounded two Chinese but asserts that both individuals were in a boat which failed to stop when ordered to do so by an SRV patrol boat.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
30 May 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC responds to Vietnamese government note of 12 May and charges the SRV with having already expelled 100,000 ethnic Chinese residents from Vietnam.	X				FBIS (AP) 19 Jun 78
31 May 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan officially proposes to China that negotiations for a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty be resumed.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
31 May 78	DPRK/USSR. USSR fishery delegation arrives in Pyongyang.	X				JT 6 Oct 78
1 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC FM Huang Hua, during meeting in New York with GOJ counterpart Suano Sonoda, expresses PRC willingness to reopen stalled negotiations for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship and invites FM Sonoda to Beijing.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Mar 78
1 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda assures visiting Soviet Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education Vyacheslav Yelyutin that the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship will not adversely affect Japanese-Soviet relations.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Jun 78
1 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. Soviet newspaper Pravda remarks, "The frantic campaign concerned with the Hoa people in Vietnam launched by the Chinese side is aimed at creating more difficulties for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and damaging its prestige and influence in the international arena. It is a clear and brazen manifestation of great power hegemonism...."	X				VIET NAM COURIER Jul 78
2 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Fishery Agency allows four groups of Japanese concerns to form joint fishery ventures with USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 2 Jun 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	
2 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ lodges protest with USSR for its plans to conduct live-fire exercises around Etorofu, one of the four disputed Soviet-held northern islands off the coast of Hokkaido.		X		FBIS (AP) 2 Jun 78 CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
2 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC sources estimate the number of ethnic Chinese residents who have fled Vietnam to be 105,500.	X			
2 Jun 78	VIETNAM/RPC. PRV rejects SRV proposal of 27-28 May calling for negotiations on the issue of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam.	X			
2 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Conference of representatives of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam supports SRV Foreign Ministry appeal for negotiations with PRC on the Chinese refugee issue by unanimously rejecting allegations levied by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the PRC State Council accusing the SRV of mistreating and expelling its overseas Chinese population.	X			
4 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. Unconfirmed report attributed to an ethnic Chinese officer of the SRV army who fled to the PRC claims Vietnam is constructing with Soviet help a missile base near Hon Gai, east of Hanoi. The office additionally claims USSR will help equip the 308th Division deployed along the SRV/PRC border and that there are Soviet military advisers attached to district headquarters in Haiphong.		X		FBIS (AP) 5 Jul 78
4 Jun 78	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR assists in construction of Dinh Son cement factory expected upon completion to reach an annual production capacity of 1.2 million tons.		X		FBIS (AP) 14 Jun 78
5 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. China suspends part of its economic aid package to Vietnam and orders that Vietnam leave its trade mission office in Hong Kong's China Bank building.		X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
5 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV denies PRC allegation that Vietnam is "intensively ostracizing, persecuting and expelling" its ethnic Chinese residents but gives permission for PRC vessels to enter designated Vietnamese ports beginning 20 June to pick up ethnic Chinese residents who wish to leave Vietnam.		X		FBIS (AP) 6 Jun 78 CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
5 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaopeng (Teng Hsiao-ping) tells a Japanese delegation that there is an "international element" behind Vietnamese actions.		X		
6 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Tokyo journalist traces development of anti-PRC movement in Vietnam and attributes it to the anti-PRC propaganda campaign of the pro-Soviet faction within the Vietnamese Communist Party. This campaign reportedly stressed that real independence could only be achieved if the SRV relied on the Soviet Union and not China as the former was capable of providing "a much stronger shield."		X		FBIS (AP) 13 Jun 78

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6 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. JCP organ Akahata reports Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) confirmed PRC's official termination of aid to Vietnam.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 78
7 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. JDA sources announce that Soviet military forces have begun land and sea maneuvers on and around Etorofu, one of four Soviet-held northern islands claimed by Japan off the coast of Hokkaido.			X		FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
7 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Chief Cabinet Secretary Shintaro Abe claims it to be "unreasonable and unlawful" for USSR to designate the waters around the southern Kuriles as a danger zone and to conduct military exercises in the area.			X		FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 78
7 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Japanese report from Beijing states Vietnam has completed a tactical missile base near Hon Gai with Russian help.		X			CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
7 Jun 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Chinese refugees arriving in Hong Kong from Vietnam allegedly report that former US military complex at Cam Ranh Bay has been turned over to the USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 78
8 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ lodges protest with the USSR requesting an immediate halt to Russian military exercises in the southern Kuriles.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Jun 78
11 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. JDA sources express concern at the military expansion of Soviet Far Eastern port at Korsakov. It will join the three ports of Vladivostok, Soviet-skaya Gavan, and Petropavlovsk as one more port facility outfitted for military use.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Jun 78
12 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese mission of coal-mining experts visits the PRC to brief Chinese mine officials on mining technology and safety.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Jun 78
12 Jun 78	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and USSR sign protocol on fishery cooperation.		X			FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 78
14 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China reach agreement to resume stalled negotiations in July for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.		X			FBIS (AP) 15 Jun 78
14 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers and Chinese purchasing mission reach agreement on sale to PRC of 2.4 to 2.6 million metric tons of rolled carbon steel at prices averaging 20 percent more than those negotiated in the first half of 1978.		X			FBIS (AP) 15 Jun 78
14 Jun 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Ethnic Chinese refugees from Vietnam allegedly report construction of a Soviet naval base on Powan (Chipo) Island in Haiphong harbor.			X		FBIS (AP) 16 Jun 78

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15 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV notifies PRC that Vietnamese Government has agreed to the establishment of a Chinese consulate-general in Ho Chi Minh City during the fourth quarter of 1978.	X					FBIS (AP) 19 Jun 78
16 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC orders SRV consulates in Guangzhou (Canton), Nanning, and Kunming to close as soon as possible.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1979
16 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV officials begin accepting applications from Chinese residents seeking to leave Vietnam for China.	X					FBIS (AP) 19 Jun 78
17 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV issues communique admitting relations between Vietnam and China to have "seriously deteriorated" and accusing the PRC of having been fully responsible.	X					CHINA QUARTERLY
17 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV accuses PRC of cutting off most of its aid and of having furthermore "ceaselessly given all-round support to the Kampuchean authorities in... their border war of aggression against the Vietnamese people."	X					Sep 78
17 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV government sends a note to Chinese Government protesting China's unilateral cancellation of its factory aid projects in Vietnam.	X					VIET NAM COURIER
18 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. JSP delegation postpones trip to Moscow indefinitely because of impending resumption of negotiations on a treaty of peace and friendship with China.	X					FBIS (AP) 20 Jun 78
19 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. USSR warns GOJ that upon signing a treaty with PRC, Japan will "objectively be tied to the Beijing leadership's line in foreign policy which runs counter to the interests of ensuring peace and security in the Far East" and that, if such a treaty is concluded with "provisions directed against the USSR, the Soviet side will be compelled to draw certain conclusions and introduce certain correctives in its policy towards Japan."	X					KCA 27 Oct 78
19 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda states proposed Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship will "not regard the Soviet Union with hostility and will therefore not affect Japanese-Soviet relations in the least".	X					KCA 27 Oct 78
19 Jun 78	DPRK/USSR. DPRK and USSR sign protocol for mutual delivery and payment of commodities in 1978.	X					FBIS (AP) 20 Jun 78
19 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Foreign Ministry sends a note to its Chinese counterpart proposing unilateral PRC decision to close the Vietnamese Consulates General in Guangzhou (Canton), Kunming, and Nanning.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78

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19 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Foreign Ministry delivers note to Chinese Embassy in Hanoi containing 6 questions specifically directed at PRC's dispatch of vessels to the SRV to pick up ethnic Chinese who wish to leave.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
20 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Vice FM Arita refutes Soviet objections to a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship by explaining GOJ position regarding the anti-hegemony clause.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Jun 78
20 Jun 78	ROK/PRC/USSR. Departing US Ambassador in Seoul opines that prospects for future relations between the ROK and USSR or between the ROK and PRC are slim because DPRK would object strenuously to both Moscow and Beijing if any such move were contemplated.	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Jun 78
21 Jun 78	ROK/USSR. International Olympic Committee notifies South Korea that the USSR will permit 12 journalists from the ROK to cover the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Jul 78
21 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV announces 22 June deadline on applications for exit visas to China.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 78
21 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Japanese correspondent reports bewilderment of SRV government over apparent retaliatory PRC measures, including the cancellation of economic aid and closure of SRV consultates in China as response to alleged mass exodus of ethnic Chinese residents from Vietnam. He reports that Chinese residents of Hanoi are living in tranquility amid growing tension between the SRV and PRC and that the number of Vietnam's ethnic Chinese residents seeking repatriation back to China aboard PRC vessels may be far less than expected.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Jun 78
22 Jun 78	JAPAN/ROK/PRC. PRC Foreign Ministry condemns the exchange of ratification instruments between Japan and South Korea on the continental shelf agreement by the two countries.	X				CHINA QUARTERLY Sep 78
22 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC vessels sent to evacuate ethnic Chinese refugees from Vietnam encounter delay in entering SRV harbors as negotiations over procedures for their passage and docking encounter difficulties.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Jun 78
23 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR repudiates agreement reached earlier with Japanese firms for joint fishing ventures in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone in apparent retaliation for GOJ intent to resume negotiations for a treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Jun 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
23 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR denies having cancelled joint fishing ventures with Japanese firms.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Jun 78

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23 Jun 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign plan for cultural and scientific cooperation in 1978-80.	X			X		VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
24 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Deputy PM Le Thanh Nghi denies Vietnam is lining up with USSR against the PRC but accuses PRC of following a "policy of expansion" and confirms that China has terminated aid on 72 developmental projects in Vietnam.		X	X			FBIS (AP) 27 Jun 78
24 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Embassy in Hanoi sends note to SRV Foreign Ministry announcing that Chinese ships will only pick up "victimized Chinese residents" and demanding that China be allowed to process and approve the "repatriation" lists.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
25 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. JCP objects to a peace and friendship treaty containing an antihegemony clause being concluded with the PRC, on grounds that Japan should not enter into an alliance with any country against a specific third country or into relations that might involve Japan in any joint action with its treaty partner.		X				FBIS (AP) 26 Jun 78
25 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda, in an Australian press conference, criticizes the USSR for trying to restrain Japan from resuming negotiations with China for a treaty of peace and friendship.		X				FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 78
26 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC lodges protest with GOJ against the newly concluded Japanese-South Korean agreement for joint development of the continental shelf in the East China Sea.		X				FBIS (AP) 27 Jun 78
26 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ delegation to study pollution and environmental problems in China departs for Beijing.						FEER YEARBOOK 1979
26 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV authorities in Ho Chi Minh City stop accepting applications for travel to China after receiving 30,000 requests in a week.			X			FBIS (AP) 24 Jul 78
27 Jun 78	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Aleksey Kosygin, welcomes SRV to full membership in CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance) after unanimous vote by other members during meeting in Bucharest.			X			FBIS (AP) 3 Jul 78
28 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV again calls on PRC to enter into negotiations to resolve the discord between the two countries over the issue of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam.			X			VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
29 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda states in television interview that the antihegemony clause will be the single most difficult problem confronting negotiations for a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship once they resume.						FBIS (AP) 28 Jun 78

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29 Jun 78	JAPAN/USSR. JDA Director General Shin Kanemaru retracts statement by Chief of the Joint Staff Council reporting that Soviet military forces have conducted an amphibious landing operation on Etorofu, one of four Soviet-held northern islands off Hokkaido. Director General states that Japanese intelligence was unable to determine whether Soviet aircraft and landing ships in the area were conducting military maneuvers, deploying Soviet units on Etorofu Island or simply beginning construction of a new military base.			X		FBIS (AP) 29 Jun 78
30 Jun 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China agree to reopen negotiations for a treaty of peace and friendship on 21 July.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 78
30 Jun 78	ROK/PRC. ROK rejects PRC protest against a joint Korean-Japanese continental shelf development treaty, stating ROK will not "acquiesce in any foreign attempt to interfere with its exercise of sovereign right to explore and develop its own continental shelf."		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 78
30 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi states that talks on evacuating ethnic Chinese residents from Vietnam have broken down.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
30 Jun 78	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. Unconfirmed reports reaching Hong Kong claim USSR has established a long-range missile base at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.			X		FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 78
30 Jun 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Unconfirmed reports attributed to Chinese refugees fleeing Vietnam claim SRV has constructed radar installations with Soviet assistance at Ba Xa and Long Ping in the Lao Cai region directly facing PRC's Yunnan Province.			X		FBIS (AP) 30 Jun 78
1 Jul 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese Maritime Safety officials report MSA patrol boats have detained and searched 290 Soviet fishing vessels since 1 July 1977 when Japanese 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone went into effect.		X	X		FBIS (AP) 3 Jul 78
1 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Senior official in PRC's Yunnan Province states Vietnamese security guards fired on two Chinese farm workers, marking the first Vietnam-China border shooting incident.			X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
1 Jul 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Senior Soviet official, visiting in Hanoi, states, "The Soviet people will stand beside Vietnam in her present reconstruction just as they have stood beside her in the most difficult stages in the past."		X			FBIS (AP) 5 Jul 78
2 Jul 78	DPRK/USSR. DPRK Ministry of Commerce delegation departs for a visit to USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 6 Jul 78
2 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Tokyo news agency reports SRV has deployed a large number of border troops and militia along its common border with China.		X			FBIS (AP) 6 Jul 78

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3 Jul 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC sign agreement for cooperation in hydrometeorological work on the Yalu and Dumen (Tumen) Rivers.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jul 78
3 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC announces termination of all residual economic and technical aid to the SRV and recalls Chinese engineers and technicians still remaining in Vietnam.		X				FBIS (AP) 10 Jul 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
3 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi accuses China of attempting to intimidate Vietnamese border inhabitants by conducting military exercises along the SRV/PRC frontier.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
4 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi charges PRC with having occupied 90 small areas in Cao Lang Province and with having mobilized "thousands of Chinese people" to take up illegal residence in Bao Lac District and other areas of Cao Lang.		X				FBIS (AP) 5 Jul 78
5 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and PRC representatives involved in negotiations over the issue of Chinese vessels entering Vietnamese ports to repatriate Vietnam's resident Chinese who wish to return to the PRC, fail to reach agreement following their 10th meeting. Major point of contention remains the SRV's persistent rejection of PRC's equally insistent demand that the term "persecuted Chinese" be used as a matter of principle and as a starting point for negotiations.		X				FBIS (AP) 6 Jul 78
7 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV organ <u>Nhan Dan</u> accuses PRC of following a policy of coercion and deceit to induce ethnic Chinese residents of Vietnam to flee to China.		X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 78
7 Jul 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Political Bureau of the CPSU Central Committee and the USSR Council of Ministers appraise admission of Vietnam to CMEA as an important event of international significance.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
8 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam reports that Chinese fighter planes violate Vietnam airspace. Two sorties in particular are said to have flown deep into the airspace of Quang Ninh and Cao Lang Provinces.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
9 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Last Chinese technicians leave SRV after cancellation of PRC aid projects.		X				FBIS (AP) 10 Jul 78
10 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV protests violation of Vietnamese airspace by Chinese military aircraft but PRC Embassy in Hanoi refuses to accept protest note.		X				FBIS (AP) 11 Jul 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
10 Jul 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Chairman of the State Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers for Foreign Economic Relations meets Vietnamese Ambassador in Moscow to discuss further development of economic and technical cooperation between the Soviet Union and Vietnam.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Aug 78
11 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ expresses concern to PRC that deterioration of Chinese-Vietnamese relations may cause the SRV to tilt toward the USSR, a development which would adversely affect the future stability and peace of Asia.						FBIS (AP) 14 Jul 78
11 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC officials in border provinces of Yunnan and Guangxi (Kwangsi) accuse SRV of violating Sino-Vietnamese treaty on border control.		X				FBIS (AP) 14 Jul 78
12 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC dismisses SRV protest over alleged Chinese violation of Vietnamese airspace as "mere fabrication."		X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 78
12 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV reports PRC has closed border checkpoints between the two countries thereby leaving stranded on the Vietnamese side of the border about 2,000 ethnic Chinese residents of the SRV who were seeking repatriation to China.		X				FBIS (AP) 20/24 Jul 78
13 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC conduct negotiations in Beijing for joint development of oil and natural gas resources located in the continental shelf facing East China Sea.		X				FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 78
14 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC closes deal with Mitsui Engineering and Ship-building Co. of Japan calling for construction of four supply vessels worth ¥3.6 billion.		X				FBIS (AP) 21 Jul 78
15 Jul 78	DPRK/USSR. DPRK delegation of Korean-Soviet Friendship Society departs for goodwill visit to the USSR.		X				FBIS (AP) 18 Jul 78
15 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam News Agency reports Chinese authorities are preventing ethnic Chinese from crossing into China.		X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
15 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV sources deny PRC allegation that USSR has established a naval base at Cam Ranh Bay and a missile complex near Haiphong. They stress that Vietnam is a nonaligned country with no military alliances.		X				FBIS (AP) 17 Jul 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
15 Jul 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign agreement for cooperation in coal mining.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Jul 78
16 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. Purported Japanese draft of treaty of peace and friendship with the PRC states on the subject of hegemony, "The treaty will not be directed against any specific third country. The two countries (Japan and PRC) will not seek hegemony in the world and will express opposition to any attempt by any other country or group of countries to establish hegemony."		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Jul 78
17 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese National Railways delegation visits PRC at invitation of Chinese Ministry of Railways to discuss PRC railroad modernization program.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Jul 78
17 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. In latest negotiating session between PRC and SRV, issue of Vietnam's ethnic Chinese residents who wish repatriation to the PRC is again discussed without result. PRC rejects all SRV proposals for deciding the problem.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Jul 78
19 Jul 78	JAPAN/USSR. Son of CPSU General Secretary Brezhnev, while touring Japan, proposes conclusion of long-term trade agreement between the USSR and Japan, MITI Toshio Moto responds that long-term economic cooperation should be discussed at the next annual Japanese-Soviet trade consultations in October.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
19 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese students in China are ordered to return to Vietnam.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Jul 78
19 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Foreign Ministry proposes talks with SRV on issue of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam be conducted at the Vice FM level.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Jul 78
21 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and the PRC reopen working-level talks in Beijing for conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty. Talks are the first held since negotiations were suspended in September 1975.		X			FBIS (AP) 24 Jul 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
21 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. <u>Izvestiya</u> states that if an antihegemony clause is inserted in a treaty of peace and friendship between Japan and the PRC, USSR will have "to take some defensive measures in the economic, science and technology, and defense fields against Japan."		X			JT 6 Oct 78 KCA 27 Oct 78
21 Jul 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ and GSU reach agreement on participation of Japanese firms in joint fishing ventures with the USSR and on the gathering of edible seaweed by Japanese fishermen off the four Soviet-held northern islands.		X			FBIS (AP) 24 Jul 78

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21 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Captured Cambodian soldier relates on Radio Ho Chi Minh City that China will send troops to Cambodia if the Cambodian Army does not defeat the Vietnamese armed forces.			X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
22 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. During the course of treaty negotiations, GOJ tables draft of proposed Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty but PRC rejects Japanese version of the "third country clause" in antihegemony article of the treaty.	X				JT 6 Oct 78
22 Jul 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Hanoi agrees to PRC proposal for talks between Vice FMs on the issue of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam.	X		X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
23 Jul 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK military delegation departs for goodwill visit to PRC.			X		FBIS (AP) 24 Jul 78
24 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC agree to jointly explore for offshore oil in the Bo Hai (Pohai) Gulf, eastern China.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 25 Jul 78
24 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC rejects Japanese proposal that the prospective Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship, to avoid offending the USSR, contain a sentence stating that the antihegemony clause is aimed at no particular third country.	X		X		KCA 27 Oct 78
26 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC. Tokyo daily <u>Yomiuri Shimbun</u> publishes full text of Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 28 Jul 78
28 Jul 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ reportedly requests PRC to scrap the Sino-Soviet treaty on mutual assistance at time it is due to be renewed in 1980 on grounds that it is hostile to Japan and incompatible with a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 3 Aug 78
1 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Hundreds of stranded ethnic Chinese residents of Vietnam reportedly stampede across the border into China.	X		X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
1 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Central Committee Secretary Xuan Thuy states at press conference in Havana that PRC has fabricated its story of "Vietnam persecuting and expulsing (sic) its Chinese residents" and has used it as a pretext to cut off aid and withdraw its experts from Vietnam as well as close down three SRV consulates in China.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 2 Aug 78
2 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC vessels sent to evacuate ethnic Chinese residents from Vietnam return home empty without having entered Vietnamese harbors.	X				FBIS (AP) 3 Aug 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
4 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR announces that signing of a new Soviet-Japanese agreement on joint fishing ventures will be postponed indefinitely.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 7 Aug 78
4 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Cambodian Defense Minister Son Sen returns from Beijing claiming assurances of Chinese support and assistance in Cambodia's "just struggle" against Vietnam.			X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
5 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. Tokyo police announce that a Chinese spy ring obtained restricted Japanese defense documents over a period of 10 years.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
6 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Vice FM Zhong Xidong (Chung Hsi-tung) arrives in Vietnam for talks on the issue of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
8 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Fukuda dispatches FM Sonoda to Beijing to break deadlock in negotiations with PRC on a Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Aug 78 JT 6 Oct 78
8 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports PRC-inspired assaults on SRV medical personnel, journalists, and border guards at the Bac Luan bridge on the Sino-Vietnamese border, where ethnic Chinese residents of Vietnam are stranded waiting to enter the PRC.	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Aug 78
8 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and PRC open Vice FM-level negotiations in Hanoi to resolve issue of ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam. SRV Vice FM in moderate opening speech recalls long-standing Chinese-Vietnamese friendship while PRC Vice FM pays lip service to this friendship but repeats charges that the SRV "ostracizes, persecutes, and expels Chinese residents."	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Aug 78
9 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sonoda and PRC counterpart Huang Hua reach broad general agreement on Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.	X				JT 6 Oct 78
10 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR refuses to allow Japanese pilgrimages to ancestral graves in the four Soviet-held northern islands but allows visits to three sites on Sakhalin Island.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Aug 78
11 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Takeo Fukuda undertakes last-ditch effort to obtain endorsement of government and LDP leaders for Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship as negotiations enter final phase in Beijing.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 Aug 78
11 Aug 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Visiting journalists to Cambodia are told that bodies of Europeans were found after clashes with Vietnam and that Russian language exchanges were heard on Vietnamese military radios.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
12 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda and PRC counterpart Huang Hua sign five-article Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty in Beijing in the presence of PRC Chairman Hua Guofeng (Hua Kuo-feng) and Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping).	X	X			JT 6 Oct 78
12 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ FM Sonoda states in an interview that he does not believe USSR will take retaliatory action against Japan for signing the Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship. He emphasizes that Japan made it clear it was against naming any country in the treaty as seeking hegemony and adds that GOJ will take steps to explain to the USSR its reasons for concluding the treaty with China.	X				KCA 27 Oct 78
12 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports two border clashes in Cao Lang Province between Chinese and Vietnamese border guards.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Aug 78
13 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. GOJ senior Foreign Ministry official briefs Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Tokyo on Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship. He emphasizes that Japan will continue to promote friendly ties with USSR and explains that the new treaty's antihegemony clause is actually intended to underline Japan's and China's own intentegacy not to seek hegemony and is not directed at isolating USSR as an hegemonist threat.	X				FBIS (AP) 15 Aug 78
13 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. Official Soviet news agency Tass denounces recently signed Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty, calling it "in conflict with the interests of peace and detente" and "fraught with tremendous danger in the first place to the peoples of Southeast Asia." It accuses Japan of having yielded to Beijing's bidding and having signed the treaty on PRC terms so that it is now risking becoming involved in China's "hegemonic policy."	X				KCA 27 Oct 78
13-14 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Press and Radio Hanoi denounce Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship accusing China of trying to "draw Japan into its own orbit, place Southeast Asia under its influence, and proceed to hegemony throughout the world."	X				KCA 27 Oct 78
14 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC describes newly signed Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship as being "of great political significance and far-reaching historical importance for further strengthening and developing the relations of peace, friendship and co-operation between the two countries and for preserving peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region."	X				KCA 27 Oct 78

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14 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan's new Ambassador to the USSR arrives in Moscow with instructions to explain to the Soviet Government Japan's conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty with the PRC.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1979
14 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam Communist Party appeals to all Vietnamese to be ready to fight a large-scale war.		X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
15 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. Radio Phnom Penh welcomes Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship, calling it "a success of the foreign policy line advocated by Chairman Mao and faithfully and consistently pursued by China under the leadership of Chairman Hua Guofeng." The treaty is termed "a victory for Progressive forces" in Japan and for the peoples of Southeast Asia "faced with attempts of the major expansionist power and its collaborators, including its pawn Vietnam."	X					KCA 27 Oct 78
16 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Standing Committee of the National People's Congress ratifies Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship in Beijing.	X					KCA 27 Oct 78
17 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. About 3,000 Vietnamese of Chinese descent stranded at two border crossing points are allowed to return to their former homes.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1979
18 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Representative of the Information and Press Department of the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs serves a warning to Xinhua's (Hsinhua) Hanoi Bureau Chief for releasing "fallacious reports slandering and vilifying Vietnamese officials doing their duties."	X					VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
19 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. Senior GOJ official at a Hokkaido rally favoring return of the four northern islands from the USSR, states there can be no peace treaty with the Soviet Union until the islands are returned to Japanese control.	X					FBIS (AP) 21 Aug 78
19 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam refuses to take back 160,000 former ethnic Chinese residents who crossed into China at the SRV/PRC border before it was closed in July.	X					FEER YEARBOOK 1979
19 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Delegation of the SRV Federation of Trade Unions led by its President, Nguyen Van Linh, leaves Hanoi for a friendship visit to the Soviet Union.	X					VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
20 Aug 78	DPRK/USSR. USSR celebrates Korean-Soviet Friendship Month with various exhibits and cultural activities.	X					FBIS (AP) 21 Aug 78
22 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports PRC, in a sudden reversal of policy, has demanded that Vietnam accept the return of ethnic Chinese residents originally seeking repatriation to the PRC but denied entry when China closed its borders.	X					FBIS (AP) 23 Aug 78

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23 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR delivers formal protest to GOJ warning it might have to "take action" to protect its national interests in the wake of the recent signing of the Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Aug 78
23 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Representative of the Chinese Affairs Department of the SRV Ministry of Foreign Affairs meets the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Hanoi to protest the intrusion of 50 armed Chinese border guards and militiamen into Vietnamese territory.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
24 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. An official SRV source claims Cambodian shelling of Vietnamese territory contiguous to the Cambodian border was carried out by "Chinese technical personnel."		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
25 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. GSU organ <u>Izvestiya</u> criticizes Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship and suggests that a good neighbor treaty be negotiated between Japan and the Soviet Union.		X			FBIS (AP) 25 Aug 78
25 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports violence at Friendship Gate on the Sino-Vietnamese border when hundreds of armed Chinese allegedly attack Vietnamese cadres and border guards causing two deaths and numerous injuries.		X			FBIS (AP) 28 Aug 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979 VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
26 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV protests 13 August violation of Vietnam's territorial waters by Chinese warships.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
27 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo daily publishes alleged Soviet classified document stating the thrust of future USSR diplomacy toward Japan to be the negotiation of Japanese-Soviet good-neighbor treaty.		X			FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 78
28 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese troops reportedly cross SRV/PRC border and take up positions in Chinese territory.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
29 Aug 78	JAPAN/USSR. JSP delegation departs for Moscow in first visit by Japanese officials to USSR since signing of Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Aug 78
30 Aug 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC requests assistance of Japanese copper industry to develop Chinese copper mines.		X			FBIS (AP) 30 Aug 78
30 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV issues statement demanding that Chinese cease sending intruders into Vietnamese territory.		X			VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78

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30 Aug 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam News Agency refutes Xinhua's (Hsinhua) claims of Vietnamese having taken up positions on Chinese territory.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78

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1 Sep 78	ROK/USSR. ROK and USSR establish telephonic contact for first time since 1948.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 78
1 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC diplomatic officials in Hanoi walk out on speech by Pham Van Dong in which the SRV Premier denounces "Cambodian aggression backed by the Beijing authorities" and accuses the PRC of inciting ethnic Chinese residents.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Sep 78
1 Sep 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Ten days are set aside (1-10 Sep 1978) in Soviet Union to highlight Vietnam-USSR friendship.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
2 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. Visiting JSP delegation and CPSU representatives agree to try to normalize relations between the two parties, disrupted for more than 3 years by policy disagreement on definition of "superpower hegemonism."	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Sep 78
2 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV condemns Chinese encroachment on Vietnamese territory and demands that it cease.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
4 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. Interparty delegation of Japanese Diet members departs for USSR on goodwill visit.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Sep 78
5 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Fisheries Minister A. Ishkov proposes to visiting delegation of Japanese Diet members that projected joint Japanese-Soviet fishing ventures, long under discussion and tentative agreement, be shelved for this year because of approaching end of the fishing season.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Sep 78
5 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Chinese Affairs Department of SRV Ministry of Foreign Affairs protests Chinese obstruction of repair operations currently underway on the Vietnamese section of international rail line at the Lao Cai border checkpoint.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
5 Sep 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Vietnamese delegation attends a conference of deputy chairmen of national planning committees of CMEA (COMECON) in Kiev, USSR.	X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
5 Sep 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Radio Phnom Penh charges that the Soviet Union is supplying arms to Vietnam for use in the border war against Cambodia.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
6 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Premier Kosygin strongly criticizes Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship in meeting with visiting delegation of Japanese Diet members but expresses USSR's strong interest in promoting friendly Japanese-Soviet relations and stresses importance of economic cooperation between the two countries.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 78
6 Sep 78	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR presents gift of 10 fishing trawlers to SRV in ceremony at Haiphong.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 78

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7 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry clarifies policy toward USSR by stating (1) Japan's immediate plan to is to maintain private-level economic relations with the Soviet Union; (2) Japan is ready to comply with the USSR request for a long-term economic cooperation agreement if CPSU General Secretary Brezhnev visits Japan and if the proposed agreement is discussed through official diplomatic channels.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 19 Sep 78
7 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda expresses qualified willingness to execute a long-term economic agreement with the USSR by making following points: (1) Soviet proposal for a Japanese-Soviet good neighbor treaty is unacceptable because it sidetracks the northern islands issue; (2) Japan will reverse its previous policy and will accede to an earlier Brezhnev proposal for conclusion of a long-term Japanese-Soviet economic agreement; (3) Japan wishes an early visit by CPSU General Secretary Brezhnev or some other top Kremlin leader in return for the GOJ's friendly posture towards the USSR.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 19 Sep 78
7 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR hold third coastal trade conference in Tokyo.		X			FBIS (AP) 5 Sep 78
7 Sep 78	ROK/PRC/USSR. ROK Foreign Ministry speculates that PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping's (Teng Hsiao-ping) allegation claiming the USSR is attempting to extend its influence to South Korea was intended to check a Seoul-Moscow thaw and to rally Pyongyang more closely behind Beijing.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 78
7 Sep 78	ROK/USSR. USSR for first time uses the formal name for South Korea, "The Republic of Korea," in an official GSU publication.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Sep 78
7 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV calls on PRC to stop using ethnic Chinese residents in Vietnam as political pawns in its pursuit of a hostile policy toward the SRV.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 78
8 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. Deputy Chief of PLA General Staff, Zhang Zaijian (Chang Tsai-chien), arrives in Japan for visit and meetings with JDA officials.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 78
8 Sep 78	DPRK/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping pays official visit to North Korea to celebrate 30th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.		X			FBIS (AP) 11 Sep 78
8 Sep 78	ROK/USSR. USSR officials appear at ROK official function for first time when two Soviet Embassy staffers in Jamaica attend the opening of an exhibition of South Korean products in Kingston.		X			FBIS (AP) 8 Sep 78

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8 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. More than 100 Chinese fire small arms across the SRV/PRC border near Bac Luan bridge in Quang Ninh Province.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
9 Sep 78	ROK/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping reportedly states to Japanese journalists that Beijing is not interested in improving relations with the ROK and that it backs the unification policy of the DPRK.	X					FBIS (AP) 12 Sep 78
11 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. MITI delegation departs for Beijing to discuss expansion of two-way trade between Japan and PRC. Joint development of oil and coal resources, scientific and technological exchanges, and an increase in imports of Chinese crude oil are among topics slated for discussion.	X					FBIS (AP) 11 Sep 78
12 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Armed PRC vessels fire on a Vietnamese fishing boat in SRV territorial waters, killing a Vietnamese fisherman.		X				VIET NAM COURIER Oct 78
13 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and PRC sign accord to extend their original trade agreement of February 1978 until 1990.	X					FBIS (AP) 14 Sep 78
13 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ lodges protest with USSR regarding its establishment of a restricted area for live firing practice off Etorofu, one of the four Soviet-held northern islands.	X					KCA 29 Dec 78
13 Sep 78	DPRK/PRC. PRC Premier Deng Xiaoping concludes visit to the DPRK.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 78
13 Sep 78	ROK/USSR. ROK Health and Social Affairs Minister Sin Hyon Hwak visits Moscow after attending international conference in Alma Ata. Event marks first visit by an incumbent ROK minister to the USSR.	X					FBIS (AP) 13 Sep 78
15 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan reportedly will lend China funds to develop offshore oil in the Gulf of Bo Hai (Pohai) and will accept repayment in oil under risk-sharing proposal calling for repayment in cash or kind if the project succeeds, and for cancellation of 80 percent to 90 percent of the investment if the venture fails.	X					FBIS (AP) 15 Sep 78
15 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV lodges protest with the PRC for armed encroachment by Chinese military forces into Vietnamese territory.	X					FBIS (AP) 15 Sep 78
16 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. MITI's Toshio Komoto, on return from China trip, states PRC officials have asked Japan to ease COCOM trade controls on commerce with China.	X					FBIS (AP) 18 Sep 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
17 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. JDA sources report USSR, for the first time in 18 years, has stationed an estimated 2,500 troops on Etorofu, one of the four Soviet-held northern islands.			X			FBIS (AP) 18 Sep 78
18 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda discloses that during recent negotiations for a Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship, PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping did not acknowledge that the Senkaku Islands were Japanese territory but hinted that Japan could retain them for 20-30 years and the PRC would not allow its nationals to enter waters around the disputed islands during that period.		X				FBIS (AP) 19 Sep 78
19 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Premier Kosygin states USSR is disposed to study a Japanese counterproposal to the Soviet draft of a good neighbor and cooperation treaty published in January, if one is submitted by the Japanese side.		X				FBIS (AP) 20 Sep 78
23 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC <u>People's Daily</u> charges SRV with deliberately creating tension in Chinese-Vietnamese border areas.		X				FBIS (AP) 2 Oct 78
25 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet FM Andrey Gromyko, in tense meeting with GOJ FM Sonoda in New York, charges that the recently negotiated Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship is hostile to the USSR. He states he has no plans to visit Japan for annual meeting with GOJ counterpart but calls on Japan to conclude good neighbor treaty with the USSR and expresses hope that trade and economic relations between Japan and the USSR will be promoted for the benefit of both countries.		X				FBIS (AP) 26 Sep 78
25 Sep 78	ROK/USSR. USSR, for first time, permits group of South Korean scholars to attend a general meeting of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in Ashkhabad (Turkmen SSR).		X				FBIS (AP) 25 Sep 78
25 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese newspaper <u>Nhan Dan</u> claims that whole divisions of Chinese troops are massing just north of the Sino-Vietnamese border.					X	FEER YEARBOOK 1979
26 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sonoda and PRC counterpart Huang Hua reach agreement on three principles that will guide Sino-Japanese economic cooperation during China's modernization program: (1) China will seek the cooperation of the US and the European Community in addition to Japan; (2) Japan and China will try to avoid the political impression of a regional Tokyo-Beijing axis following the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship; (3) Japan will not cooperate in any military buildup of the PRC.					X	FBIS (AP) 4 Oct 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	Cul	
26 Sep 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ Foreign Ministry sources estimate that Soviet FM Andrey Gromyko's strong protest against the Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship will have no serious effect on Japanese-Soviet relations.	X					FBIS (AP) 27 Sep 78
26 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC calls off talks on the exodus of ethnic Chinese residents from Vietnam and accuses Hanoi of blocking negotiations and of having no intention of solving the problem.	X					FBIS (AP) 27 Sep 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
27 Sep 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC New China News Agency charges SRV with preparing for a border war and with firing into Chinese territory.	X					FBIS (AP) 2 Oct 78
29 Sep 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunao Sonoda declares in a Diet speech that it is diplomatically inadvisable for Japan to establish facilities in the Senkaku Islands beyond the creation of a port of refuge for fishing boats.	X					FBIS (AP) 2 Oct 78
29 Sep 78	ROK/USSR. ROK UN delegation head Pak Tong Chin describes as "inaccurately exaggerated" news reports that relations between Seoul and Moscow are improving in the wake of a recent visit to the USSR of a South Korean cabinet minister and two journalists.	X					FBIS (AP) 2 Oct 78
29 Sep 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign consular agreement in Hanoi.	X					FBIS (AP) 2 Oct 78
1 Oct 78	DPRK/ROK/PRC. PRC FM Huang Hua states in UN General Assembly speech that the "key to the solution of the Korean problem" is for the US to withdraw all its "forces, weapons and equipment from South Korea." He also expresses Chinese support for the DPRK effort "to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea" and states that the issue should be settled by the Korean people themselves, without interference by outside forces.	X					FBIS (AP) 2 Oct 78
2 Oct 78	JAPAN/USSR. PM Takeo Fukuda states GOJ has no plans at present to conclude a long-term economic cooperation agreement with the USSR even if the Soviet Union so desires.	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Oct 78
3 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV protests repeated armed violations of Vietnamese territory by PRC military and paramilitary personnel and groups.	X					FBIS (AP) 4 Oct 78
3 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. PRC Ambassador to Phnom Penh and DK deputy PM Leng Sary denounce SRV/USSR relationship. Leng Sary cites SRV's "contemptible bondage to the Soviet expansionist power," and proclaims SRV is no longer a nonaligned country since it has joined the Soviet economic and political alliance and permits Soviet military bases on its territory.	X					FBIS (AP) 6 Oct 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
5 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi denounces China for initiating border violence after breakdown of PRC/SRV negotiations and accuses PRC of collusion with DK "puppet clique in preparation for new acts of war."	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Oct 78
6 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ announces that PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping with a 42-member entourage, will make official visit to Japan, 22-29 October 1978 to exchange instruments of ratification of newly signed Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Oct 78
6 Oct 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ and USSR sign agreement on pelagic whaling operations in the southern hemisphere for 1978-79 whaling season.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Oct 78
6 Oct 78	ROK/USSR. ROK PM Choe Kyu-ha states GSU aloofness toward ROK remains unchanged but cites gradual increase of indirect trade and non-diplomatic exchanges such as USSR visits of ROK sports, academic, and journalistic figures, including ROK Health-Social Minister.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Oct 78
6 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC/USSR. Radio Hanoi reports TASS denunciation of PRC and DK for carrying out provocative acts against SRV and adds that Beijing is supplying Kampuchea with weapons and advisers to attack Vietnam.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Oct 78
9 Oct 78	JAPAN/USSR. Tokyo rally attracts 1,500 delegates from 100 Japanese organizations to demand return of Soviet-held northern islands.	X				FBIS (AP) 10 Oct 78
11 Oct 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR begin 21st annual working-level trade meeting in Tokyo with USSR calling for the Japanese to import more Soviet products.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 Oct 78
12 Oct 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV FM Nguyen Duy Trinh, while attending UN General Assembly, holds meeting with Soviet counterpart to discuss bilateral and international problems of mutual interest.	X				FBIS (AP) 16 Oct 78
13 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ FM Sunoda states Japan will neither impede nor assist PRC in upgrading its defense capabilities.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Oct 78
14 Oct 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR agree to redouble efforts to expand bilateral trade in 1979.	X				FBIS (AP) 16 Oct 78
14 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi accuses PRC of turning DK into a base to serve Beijing's ambitions in Southeast Asia.	X				FBIS (AP) 16 Oct 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
15 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. Pravda comments on signing of Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty and states it complicates "the international situation in the Far East and is fraught with very dangerous consequences for the cause of peace." Newspaper accuses PRC leaders of imposing upon Japan Beijing's policy of preparing for a third world war.	X				CURRENT DIGEST OF THE SOVIET PRESS 8 Nov 78
15 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC/USSR. LDP Secretary General Masayoshi Ohira states Japan should demonstrate with facts that its relations with China will not affect its ties with USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 16 Oct 78
15 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi claims that two Vietnamese guards were shot in an ambush by Chinese troops on Vietnamese territory.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
16 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. JCP issues statement supporting ratification of the Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 78
16 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi denies Beijing allegation that SRV is preparing a dry season offensive to topple the Pol Pot-Leng Sary regime in DK.		X			FBIS (AP) 17 Oct 78
17 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi claims China is sending massive supplies of military hardware to Cambodia as well as troops to aid the Cambodians in their war with Vietnam.		X			FEER YEARBOOK 1979
18 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Diet ratifies Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship.	X				FBIS (AP) 18 Oct 78
19 Oct 78	VIETNAM/USSR. DK Deputy Premier Leng Sary states in Manila that two Soviet advisors have been killed in border fighting with Vietnam and accuses USSR of backing the SRV in its border war with Cambodia.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Oct 78 FEER YEARBOOK 1979
20 Oct 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Phnom Penh alleges USSR and Cuban unit commanders participated in SRV/DK border fighting in December 1977.		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Oct 78
21 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV official protests recurrent Chinese border violations to PRC Charge d'affaires in Hanoi. Hanoi Radio accuses PRC of "frantically carrying out expansionist and hegemonic schemes toward South East Asia and of propping up Kampuchean regime of Pol Pot and Leng Sary in Phnom Penh."		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Oct 78
21 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV embassy spokesman in Jakarta denounces Kampuchean regime as "tools of Peking" and states PRC is using Kampuchean shock troops to launch war of aggression against Vietnam.		X			FBIS (AP) 23 Oct 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
22 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping arrives in Tokyo to exchange instruments of ratification with GOJ on newly signed Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty. USSR and SRV Ambassadors are not invited to airport welcoming ceremonies by GOJ in deference to PRC wishes.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Oct 78
22 Oct 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Radio Phnom Penh labels Vietnamese "puppets of the Soviet expansionist big power in Asia" and accuses SRV of planning an expansionist, genocidal invasion of Kampuchea. It further reports the presence of Soviet advisers in border regions and an uninterrupted flow of Soviet vessels carrying war materiel to SRV seaports of Cam Ranh, Danang, and Haiphong.	X				FBIS (AP) 23 Oct 78
23 Oct 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and PRC sign and exchange instruments of ratification of their treaty of peace and friendship in the presence of PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping and GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda. Vice Premier Deng states, "The treaty expressly stipulates that neither China nor Japan should seek hegemony and that each is opposed to efforts by any other country or group of countries to establish such hegemony."	X				KCA 29 Dec 78
24 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping in Tokyo advises GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda that augmentation of Japanese defense capabilities and GOJ security treaty with US are "quite justifiable."	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Oct 78
24 Oct 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC sign working plan for scientific cooperation between their respective academies of science during 1979-80.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Oct 78
24 Oct 78	VIETNAM/USSR. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping confides to GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda in Tokyo that SRV's tilting towards USSR can be attributed to Soviet aid toward end of Vietnam War and to SRV consideration of PRC as obstacle to Vietnamese hegemony in Southeast Asia.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Oct 78
25 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping at Tokyo press conference labels antihegemony clause of Sino-Japanese peace and friendship treaty "a pledge of self-restraint on the part of China and Japan." Regarding the Senkaku Islands issue, Deng states GOJ and PRC had agreed not to discuss the matter during normalization of relations in 1972 as well as during peace and friendship treaty negotiations in 1978 and that resolution of Senkaku dispute will probably be up to the "next generation which will be wiser."	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Oct 78
25 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ and PRC reach agreement on exchange visits by GOJ PM Takeo Fukuda and CCP Chairman/PRC Premier Hua Guofeng during course of visit to Japan by PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping.	X				FBIS (AP) 25 Oct 78

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25 Oct 78	DPRK/PRC. GOJ FM Takeo Fukuda and PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping agree in Tokyo that DPRK and ROK should achieve independent, peaceful unification through their own bilateral negotiations. Deng states PRC fully supports DPRK position on withdrawal of US troops from ROK as prerequisite for Korean unification and labels as "groundless" Western fears that DPRK might attack ROK.	X					FBIS (AP) 25 Oct 78
25 Oct 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC officials in Pyongyang celebrate 25th anniversary of entry of PRC "volunteers" into the Korean War.	X					FBIS (AP) 26 Oct 78
25 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi denounces PRC violations of Vietnam's northern border and accuses PRC of initiating massive military aid program to assist Kampuchean troops which the commentary labels "mercenaries of Beijing."		X				FBIS (AP) 26 Oct 78
27 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. JCP denounces Deng Xiaoping statement supporting GOJ-US Mutual Security Treaty as "running counter to the cause of socialism and reflecting China's hostility toward democratic forces in Japan."	X					FBIS (AP) 27 Oct 78
28 Oct 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK President Kim Il Song declares to visiting Japanese journalist that the Sino-Japanese treaty of peace and friendship will not adversely affect the Korean Peninsula and deserves to be welcomed for the sake of peace in Asia.	X					FBIS (AP) 30 Oct 78
29 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping ends official 8-day visit to Japan and departs Osaka to return home.	X					FBIS (AP) 30 Oct 78
29 Oct 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam News Agency reports that more than 200 armed Chinese pulled down border fencing and destroyed SRV defense installations in Cao Lang Province.		X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
30 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steelmakers dispatch high-level mission to Beijing for talks on export of rolled steel supplies to PRC.		X				FBIS (AP) 31 Oct 78
31 Oct 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC economic mission arrives in Tokyo to study Japanese industrial management and product quality control.		X				FBIS (AP) 31 Oct 78
31 Oct 78	ROK/PRC. Kim Kyong Won, chief foreign affairs adviser to ROK President Park Chung Hee, states South Korea is prepared to begin normal relations with China regardless of ideological differences.		X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
31 Oct 78	VIETNAM/USSR. High level SRV delegation headed by Premier Pham Van Dong and Central Committee Secretary Le Duan departs Hanoi for official friendship visit to USSR at invitation of CPSU Central Committee, GSU, and Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.		X				FBIS (AP) 1 Nov 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	MIL	
1 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. JDA sources report USSR is constructing a base for ground troops on Kunashir, one of the four Soviet-held northern islands.			X		FBIS (AP) 2 Nov 78
1 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Tokyo media reports that USSR has supplied MiG-23 jet fighter aircraft to the SRV.			X		FBIS (AP) 15 Nov 78
2 Nov 78	ROK/PRC. PRC refuses to admit South Korean hockey team to China and causes International Ice Hockey Federation to change the venue for 1979 games from Beijing to Barcelona.			X		FBIS (AP) 3 Nov 78
2 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports that several Vietnamese soldiers were killed when ambushed by Chinese troops in Cao Lang Province.			X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
3 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV signs a treaty of friendship and cooperation with USSR in Moscow and additionally agrees to 6 auxiliary accords specifying Soviet aid for SRV developmental projects.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 6 Nov 78 FBIS (USSR) 6 Nov 78
4 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR hands over flood relief aid consisting of food, clothing, fuel, medicine, and fertilizer to SRV at a Moscow ceremony.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 17 Nov 78
5 Nov 78	DPRK/USSR. Delegation of Soviet-Korean Friendship Society arrives in Pyongyang for goodwill visit.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Nov 78
6 Nov 78	ROK/PRC. ROK FM Pak Tong Chin reaffirms Seoul's willingness to hold a direct dialogue with the PRC but states chances are practically nonexistent at present.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Nov 78
6 Nov 78	VIEINAM/USSR. Tokyo press reports that the SRV-USSR treaty of friendship and cooperation contains no definite article on military cooperation but that Article VI states in part, "In case either party is attacked or threatened with attack, the two parties shall immediately consult with each other with a view to eliminating that threat and shall take appropriate and effective measures to safeguard peace and security of the two countries."	X				FBIS (AP) 9 Nov 78
7 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan's Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda states he will visit Moscow "when circumstances become ripe."	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
7 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV assures Japan Vietnam has not dropped its policy of independence although it has concluded a treaty of friendship and cooperation with the USSR.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Nov 78
8 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Phnom Penh accuses SRV of having initiated border violence against the PRC and of having carried out armed encroachments into Chinese territory.	X				FBIS (AP) 13 Nov 78

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8 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Charge d'Affaires Igor Ogentoy states in Hanoi that USSR will not tolerate any "hegemonistic claims" against Vietnam.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
10 Nov 78	JAPAN/PRC. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Electric Corporation of Japan announce PRC order for two thermal power generating units, at a total price of \$200 million, to be installed at the Baoshan (Poshan) steel mill in Shanghai.		X			FBIS (AP) 20 Nov 78
10 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese Army newspaper <u>QUAN DOI NHAN DAN</u> charges China with invoking a slander campaign against Vietnam and of using Pol Pot "as a shock trooper to implement its hegemonic and great-nation expansionist policy."		X			FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
11 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports intensification of PRC military activity opposite Vietnam's Quang Binh Province.			X		FBIS (AP) 13 Nov 78
12 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Tokyo media states PRC Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping allegedly told GOJ FM Sonoda in August that SRV had come under Soviet dominance but that USSR would find Vietnam a nuisance sooner or later. He advised that SRV would one day bolt from Soviet influence and reportedly counseled Japan not to waste money extending economic aid to Vietnam while it was under Soviet dominance.		X			FBIS (AP) 15 Nov 78
12 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. A Vietnamese army corporal taken prisoner by Cambodia states in a radio broadcast that there are Soviet advisers throughout the SRV particularly in the Vietnamese Army.			X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
13 Nov 78	JAPAN/PRC. Interparty delegation of GOJ Diet policy committee heads departs for Beijing visit at the invitation of the PRC National People's Congress Standing Committee.			X		FBIS (AP) 14 Nov 78
15 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV spokesman comments on treaty of friendship and cooperation with the USSR: "Cooperation with such a big and advanced socialist country as the Soviet Union will be a positive factor to boost the development of Vietnam.. The treaty is a good example of friendship and cooperation in the spirit of equality and mutual respect. It proves that just and brotherly relations between a big nation and smaller one can be achieved only through genuine proletarian internationalism."			X		FBIS (AP) 16 Nov 78
16 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC New China News Agency reports that an additional 236 Chinese residents have been expelled from Vietnam.			X		FEER YEARBOOK 1979
17 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi alleges PRC is escalating military preparations and propaganda drive against the SRV.			X		FBIS (AP) 20 Nov 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
18 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR reopen negotiations in Tokyo to determine 1979 fishing quotas in their respective 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zones.		X			FBIS (AP) 20 Nov 78
18 Nov 78	JAPAN/VIETNAM/USSR. JDA reacts with grave concern to report that USSR has established a naval base at Cam Ranh Bay, since a Russian shore facility on the coast of the South China Sea could sharply increase the capabilities of the Soviet Far East Fleet.		X			FBIS (AP) 24 Nov 78
18 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Radio Phnom Penh condemns SRV-USSR treaty of friendship and co-operation as a "military treaty with aggressive and expansionist overtones" against neighboring countries."	X				FBIS (AP) 20 Nov 78
20 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. In the course of current bilateral fishery talks between the Soviet Union and Japan, USSR rejects Japanese proposal to make existing provisional fishery agreement between the two countries a long-term accord.	X				FBIS (AP) 21 Nov 78
21 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR requests Japan to cooperate in the development of resources in Siberia under the next Soviet 5-year plan.	X				FBIS (AP) 22 Nov 78
21 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese newspaper <u>Nhan Dan</u> accuses China of allying itself with the US during the Vietnam war, enabling the US to step up attacks in northern Vietnam.	X				FEER YEARBOOK 1979
22 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ FM Sonoda, assessing Japanese-Soviet relations in luncheon speech, states USSR is overestimating the impact of Sino-Japanese economic co-operation and that it is reluctant to take the initiative to improve bilateral relations with Japan. He believes, however, that the Soviet Union would respond if Japan took the first step. He explains that the Soviets have remained flexible in discussing a good neighbor and cooperation treaty but have continued to denounce the Sino-Japanese treaty as a military pact when they fully realize it is not.	X				FBIS (AP) 24 Nov 78
23 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. Ex-JSP Chairman Seiichi Katsumata returns from Moscow trip and relates that USSR believes conclusion of a good neighbor and cooperation treaty with Japan to be the key to good bilateral relations between the two countries.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Nov 78
24 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR notifies GOJ during current fishery talks that the 1979 Japanese catch quota in the Soviet 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone will be 650,000 tons, 350,000 tons less than originally requested by GOJ delegates.	X				FBIS (AP) 27 Nov 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
25 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo, D. Polyanskiy, in interview with Japanese journalists, addresses the issue of the four northern islands stating that "the problem over the northern territory has already been settled and the Soviet Union has no intention of transferring to Japan a single piece of stone, let alone an island."	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Nov 78
26 Nov 78	JAPAN/USSR. USSR Premier Kosygin and other ranking Kremlin officials, in meeting with visiting Japanese New Liberal Club Leader Yohei Kono, adhere to previous policy of inflexibility concerning return of four Soviet-held northern islands to Japan. They state that the Japanese-US Mutual Security Treaty of 1960 changed the conditions of a 1956 joint Soviet-Japanese statement under which the USSR had agreed to return two of the four northern islands.	X				FBIS (AP) 30 Nov 78
26 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet newspaper <u>Pravda</u> delegation tours Hanoi and meets Vietnamese Communist Party officials.	X				FBIS (AP) 6 Dec 78
27 Nov 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Foreign Ministry sources express pleasure at victory in the LDP primary of Masayoshi Ohira, a strong proponent of closer ties between China and Japan.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Nov 78
27 Nov 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese commercial sources announce that export and import deals arranged by Japanese interests with China during the one-month Guangzhou (Canton) Trade Fair ending 15 November reached a record \$530 million.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 78
29 Nov 78	JAPAN/PRC. President of Nippon Steel Corp. Eishiro Saito tells reporters, upon his return from a visit to China, that his company and the PRC have agreed to start construction of the Baoshan (Paoshan) steel complex in Shanghai in mid-December.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 78
30 Nov 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ vice MITI Shigeru Kono remarks that he noted a major policy change in Beijing's suggestion earlier in week that it would permit joint industrial ventures in China by Japanese business interests and Chinese state industrial corporations.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 78
30 Nov 78	JAPAN/PRC. Kobe Steel Ltd. sends a technical mission to China for talks with the China Society of Metals on methods to prepare low-grade iron ores for smelting.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 78
30 Nov 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese Army newspaper <u>Quan Doi Nhan Dan</u> accuses Beijing of being a "military ally of imperialism."	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 78
30 Nov 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Vietnam National Assembly ratifies USSR-SRV treaty of friendship and cooperation.	X				FBIS (AP) 1 Dec 78

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1 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Kubota Ltd. wins a ¥250 million Chinese order for 22 farm tractors.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 78
1 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China meet to negotiate extension of their present bilateral fishing agreement and to consider Chinese-proposed controls of Japanese fishing operations in the PRC 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zone.	X				FBIS (AP) 28 Nov 78
2 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. China agrees to allow Japanese enterprises to open offices in Chinese cities in exchange for the opening in Japan of various Chinese trade corporations.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Dec 78
2 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOJ-USSR fishery talks continue in Tokyo with discussion of the possibility of establishing a joint fisheries committee.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Dec 78
2 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnam News Agency reports that from 1-25 November China instigated 66 border incidents.	X				FBIS (AP) 4 Dec 78
4 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan's eight cement makers jointly contract to export more than 1.5 million tons of cement to China in 1979.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 78
4 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan agrees to submit key data on Japanese fishing operations in waters off China to the current working level fishing talks between the two nations underway in Tokyo.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Dec 78
4 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Hitachi Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. discounts the possibility of establishing a joint venture with China to construct and operate a shipyard. A company spokesman says the company is suffering a slump and has no financial leeway to make such an investment.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 78
5 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Nippon Steel Corp. and PRC Government agree to hold a ground-breaking ceremony for projected modern steel mill complex at Baoshan (Raoshan), near Shanghai, on 23 December.	X				FBIS (AP) 5 Dec 78
5 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. and two affiliates jointly receive a ¥23 billion order to build an integrated copper smelter in China.	X				FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 78
6 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Vietnamese Army newspaper <u>Quan Doi Nhan Dan</u> condemns PRC for its anti-SRV campaign.	X				FBIS (AP) 7 Dec 78
7 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese steel executive relates that a Chinese Government official has promised that joint steel ventures with Japanese interests would pay dividends to the investors and inflict no loss on them.	X				FBIS (AP) 8 Dec 78

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		Sci	Pol	Econ	Mil	
7 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Soviet Premier Kosygin receives SRV Vice Premier Le Thanh Nghi who is visiting Moscow to attend the 18th Congress of the Committee for Cooperation on Planning, under CMEA auspices.	X	X			FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
8 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. JSP Chairman Ichio Asukata states he will call on Soviet Union to remove its military bases from Kunashiri and Etorofu islands.	X		X		FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
8 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports that Beijing made Public its reply to a letter from Phnom Pehn dated 24 November which accused Vietnam of invading Cambodia. Reply reiterates Beijing's support for the Pol Pot regime. Broadcast accuses Beijing of an "expansionist scheme" in Southeast Asia.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
8 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Supreme Soviet holds plenary meeting in the Kremlin to discuss ratification of the treaty of friendship and cooperation between the USSR and Vietnam.	X				FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
8 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign plan for cooperation in physical culture and sports in Hanoi.				X	FBIS (AP) 12 Dec 78
9 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan and China agree to renew existing 3-year agreement on Japanese fishing in the Yellow and East China Seas.			X		FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
9 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ PM Masayoshi Ohira receives a message of congratulations on taking office from PRC Premier Hua Guofeng.			X		FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
9 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports PRC provocations in border area of Cao Lang Province.			X		FBIS (AP) 12 Dec 78
9 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi reports incident in which an SRV fishing fleet repelled PRC vessels in SRV waters.			X		FBIS (AP) 11 Dec 78
9 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV health delegation led by Nguyen Tang Am, Vice Minister of Public Health, leaves for Moscow to attend the seventh session of the CMEA Permanent Subcommittee on Medical Cooperation.			X		FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 78
11 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. EXIM Bank Governor Satoshi Sumita reaffirms Bank policy to settle the bilateral trade account with China in yen despite Chinese requests that it be settled in US dollars.			X		FBIS (AP) 12 Dec 78
11 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Wu Heng, visiting Chinese Vice Minister of the State Scientific and Technological Commission, invites Japanese members of the Congress on Science and Technology to visit China.			X		FBIS (AP) 12 Dec 78

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12 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese and Soviet negotiators fail to reach agreement during current fishery talks.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Dec 78
12 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Indonesian newspaper, <u>Merdeka</u> , reports that SRV PM Pham Van Dong criticized the PRC for halting aid to Vietnam.					FBIS (AP) 12 Dec 78
13 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. GOI PM Masayoshi Ohira discloses his intent to invite Soviet party chief Brezhnev or any other top Kremlin leader as well as FM Gronyko to visit Japan.		X			FBIS (AP) 13 Dec 78
13 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium meets and unanimously ratifies USSR-SRV treaty of friendship and cooperation signed on 3 November 1978.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 78
13 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV holds ceremony to exchange letters ratifying the treaty of friendship and cooperation with the USSR signed on 3 November in Moscow.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 78
14 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japan agrees to send experts to Beijing next spring to help speed Chinese preparations for participating in an international patent protection convention.		X			FBIS (AP) 14 Dec 78
14 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. Ranking USSR State Planning Committee official Nikolay Nekrasov states in interview while in Tokyo, that USSR seeks Japanese cooperation in the erection of steel mills and tidal power generating projects, to aid in the development of Siberia.		X			FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 78
15 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japan and USSR sign protocol extending by 1 year Japanese-Soviet interim agreement regulating fishing operations in their respective 200-mile exclusive fishing and economic zones. Under the accord, Japan is allowed a catch quota of 750,000 tons in the Soviet zone for 1979, and the USSR is allowed a quota of 650,000 tons in the Japanese zone for the same period.		X			FBIS (AP) 15 Dec 78
15 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Hanoi attributes PRC hostility toward Vietnam to the eroding position of Beijing's ostensible ally in Southeast Asia, the Pol Pot-Teng Sary regime of DK.		X			FBIS (AP) 19 Dec 78
17 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. JSP delegation departs Tokyo for official visit to USSR.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Dec 78
18 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV Vice FM Phan Hien, at a press interview in Tokyo, stresses that the treaty of friendship and cooperation signed by the SRV with the USSR is not a military treaty and its text explicitly states that it is not directed against any third country.		X			FBIS (AP) 18 Dec 78

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19 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Indonesian Vice President Adam Malik, in press interview, dismisses likelihood of permanent friendship between the SRV and USSR. He speculates that for the moment Vietnam needs industry more than it does arms, and association with the USSR rather than China is, therefore, more appealing as the Soviet Union is far more advanced technologically than China.	X			FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 78
20 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. PRC Premier Hua Guofeng extends formal invitation to newly elected GOJ PM Masayoshi Ohira to make official visit to China.	X			FBIS (AP) 20 Dec 78
21 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. Japanese EXIM Bank extends loan of ¥58.6 billion to USSR to enable it to purchase large-diameter steel pipes from Japan in 1979.	X			FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 78
21 Dec 78	JAPAN/USSR. JSP Vice Chairman Airo Kitayama, on return from Moscow trip, states it is unlikely USSR will change its inflexible stand on return of the four/Soviet held northern islands to Japan irrespective of what approaches are made by the Japanese side.	X			FBIS (AP) 21 Dec 78
21 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. Radio Beijing charges SRV armed forces invaded PRC Guangxi (Kwangsi) Province with over 2,000 troops and initiated over 200 border incidents from 25 August to 15 December.	X			FBIS (AP) 4 Jan 79
21 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. Radio Phnom Penh, in virulent broadcast, labels Vietnam "a running dog which has sold itself out to the USSR" and denounces SRV-USSR treaty of friendship and cooperation as "a stigma proving to the world that the (Le Duan-Pham Van Dong) clique is a skinny and wounded dog of the USSR in Southeast Asia."	X			FBIS (AP) 28 Dec 78
23 Dec 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK expresses approval of normalization of relations between PRC and US.	X			FBIS (AP) 26 Dec 78
23 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV and PRC suspend international train service for both passengers and freight between the two countries.	X	X		FBIS (AP) 26 Dec 78
24 Dec 78	DPRK/PRC. DPRK and PRC sign protocol for exchange of commodities in 1979.	X			FBIS (AP) 28 Dec 78
24 Dec 78	DPRK/PRC/USSR. President Kim Il Song states to visiting JSP Vice Chairman that DPRK is "maintaining excellent relations with both China and the Soviet Union."	X			FBIS (AP) 26 Dec 78
24 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and the USSR sign agreement on radio and television cooperation.	X			FBIS (AP) 26 Dec 78
27 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. GOJ Foreign Ministry issues statement strongly condemning PRC nuclear explosion test on December 14.	X	X		FBIS (AP) 27 Dec 78

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27 Dec 78	DPRK/PRC. PRC public health delegation pays official visit to DPRK.	X					FBIS (AP) 3 Jan 79
28 Dec 78	JAPAN/PRC. Japanese consortium wins ¥40 billion contract for the export of petrochemical plant to the PRC.		X				FBIS (AP) 5 Jan 79
28 Dec 78	VIETNAM/USSR. SRV and USSR sign agreement on fishery cooperation.		X				FBIS (AP) 29 Dec 78
29 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV protests PRC border violations and small scale military incursions into Vietnamese territory during the last part of December and charges that a Chinese military buildup is taking place along the border.			X			FBIS (AP) 2 Jan 79
30 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. SRV Foreign Ministry rejects PRC claim to the Spratly Islands, asserting that Vietnamese sovereignty over this group of islands is "inviolable."			X			FBIS (AP) 2 Jan 79
31 Dec 78	VIETNAM/PRC. PRC Ambassador and Military Attaché in Hanoi are summoned home to Beijing.			X			FBIS (AP) 3 Jan 79